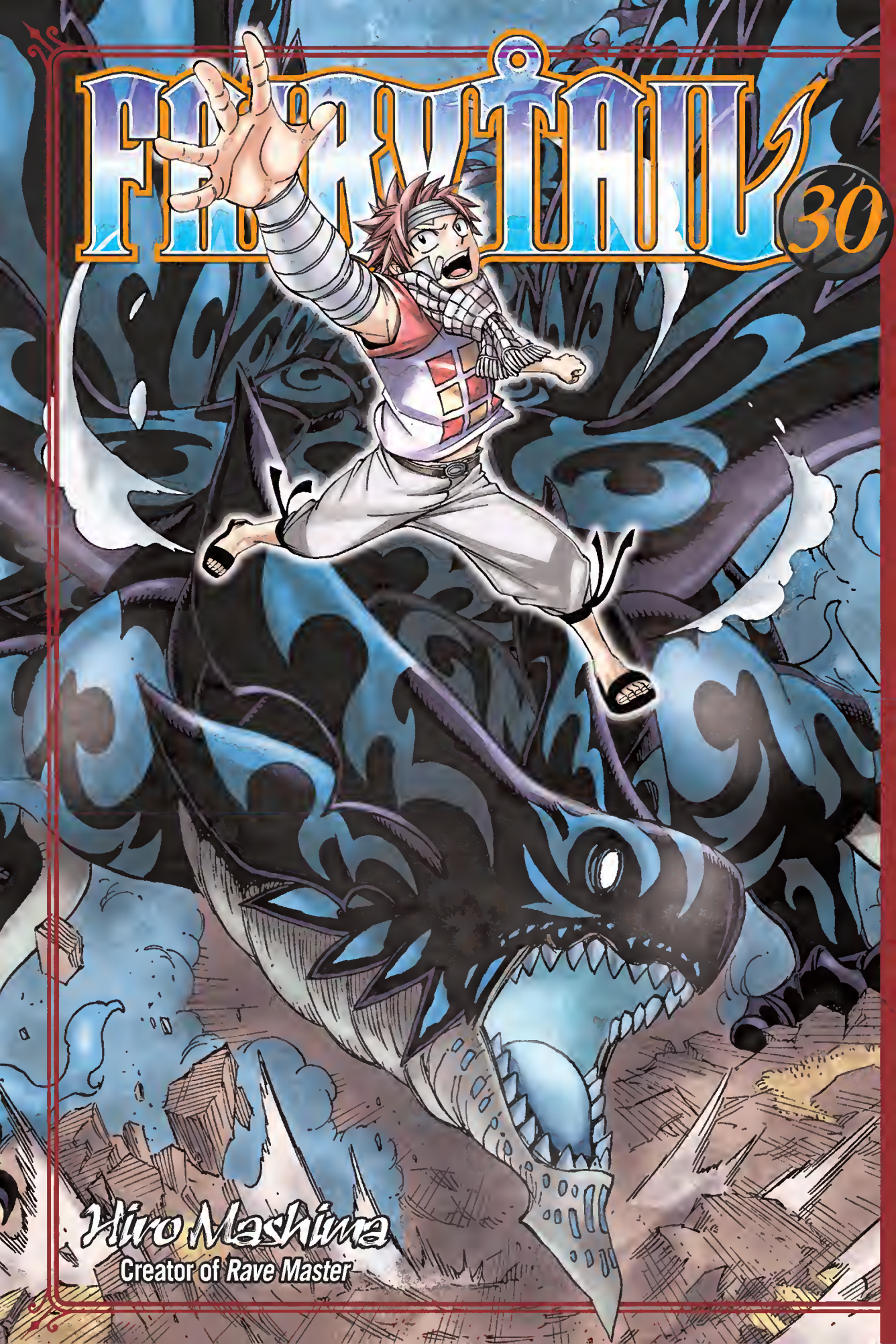
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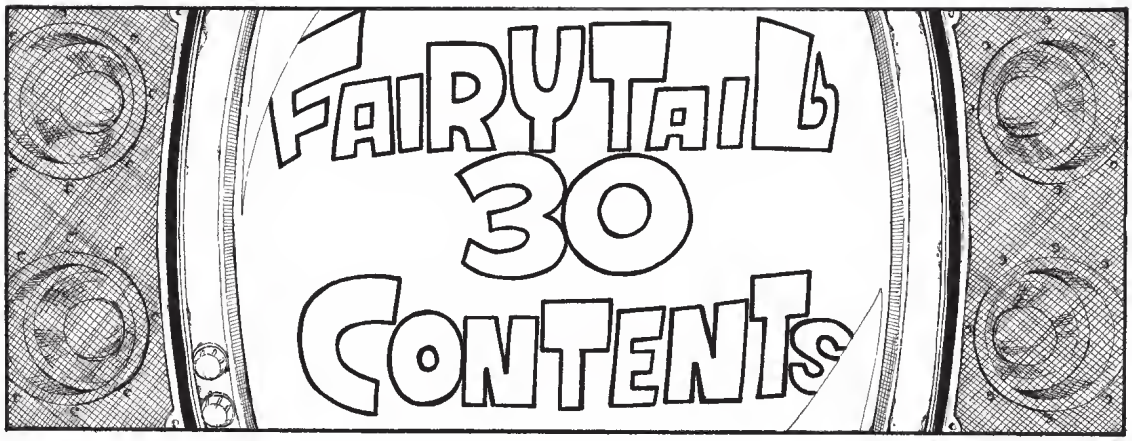

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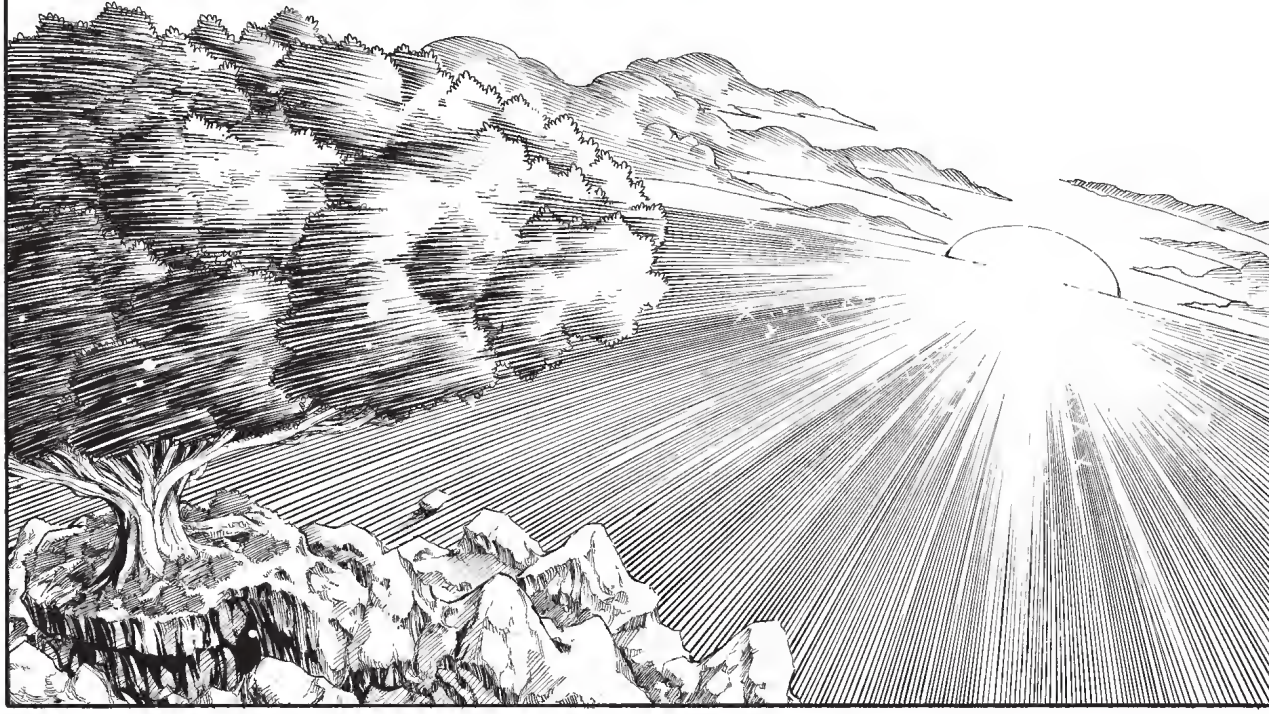

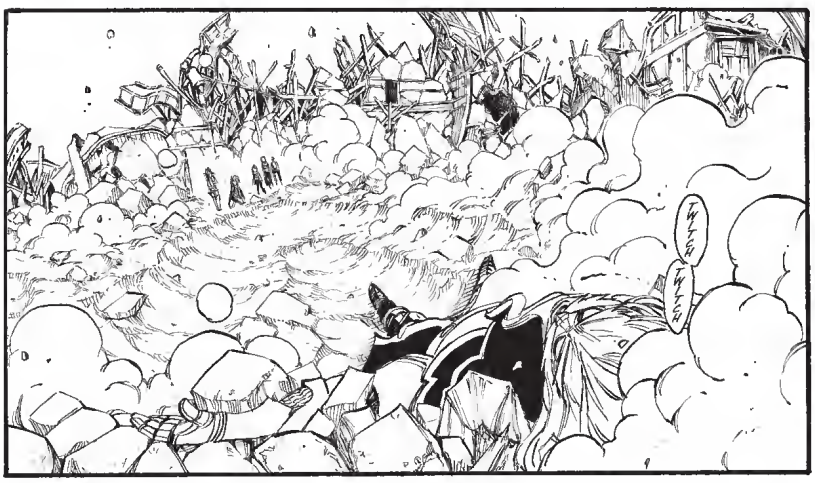
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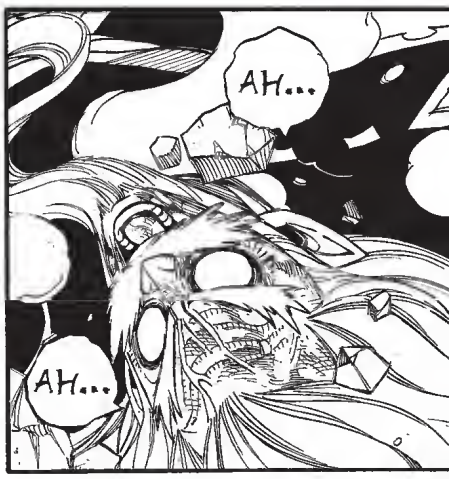
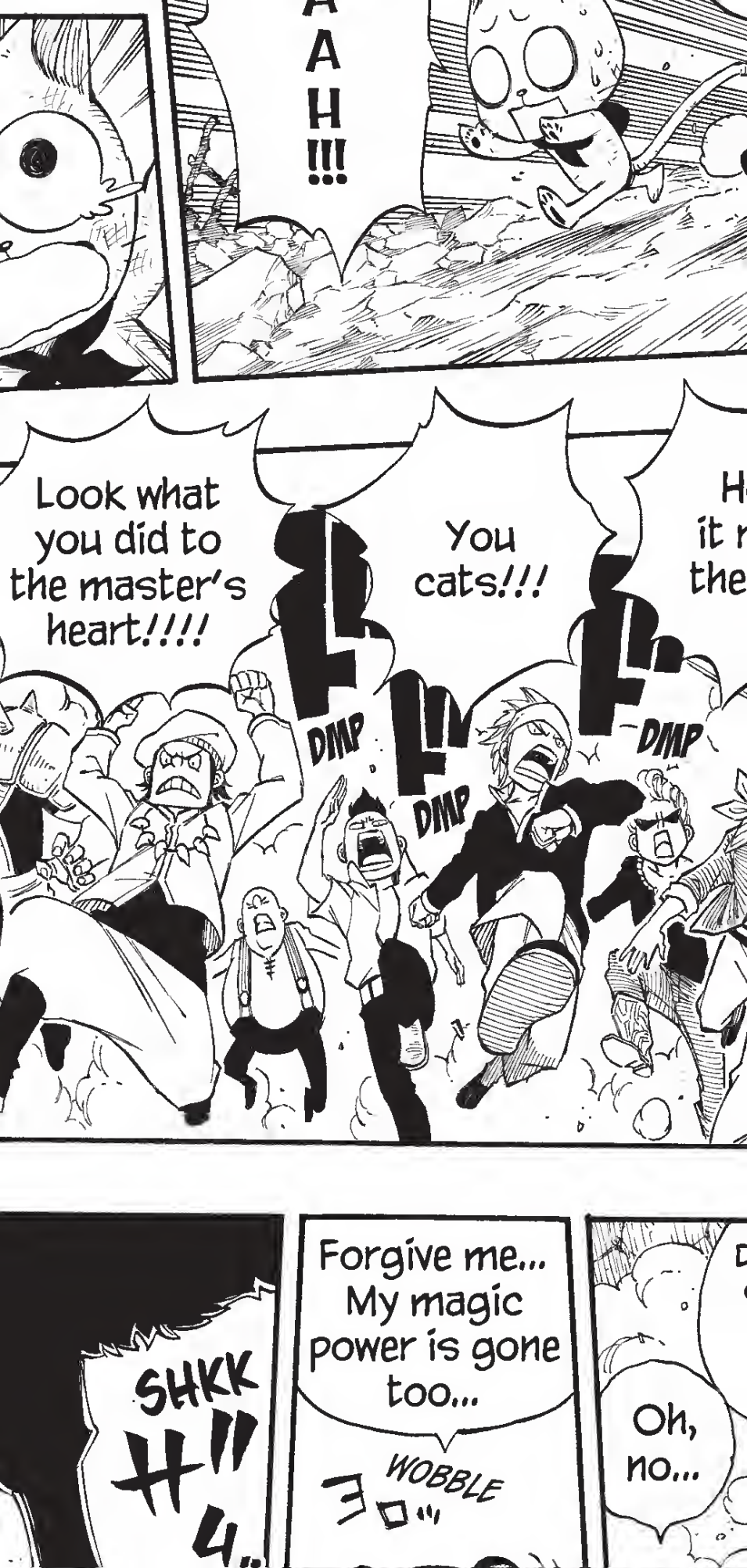

AH...
AH...

Here's your scarf.
Thanks.

FWOOF
We won, didn't we?
Yes...
It's over, huh?
SHK
SHK


A A H !!!
Look what you did to the master's heart!!!!
You cats!!!
DMP
DMP
DMP
SHKK
Forgive me... My magic power is gone too...
WOBBLE
Oh, no...

Stop right there!
BON
NG!

Every-one...
!!!
Master Hades...
...is down for the count !!!!
Hey... Look over there !!!
I-Is that Makarov ?!!
Whooaa!!! There's more of 'em!!!
Send out the retreat signal !!!
Wh-Whatever you say!!!!
EEEE !!!!
TADAA
AAN
Leave this island, now!!!

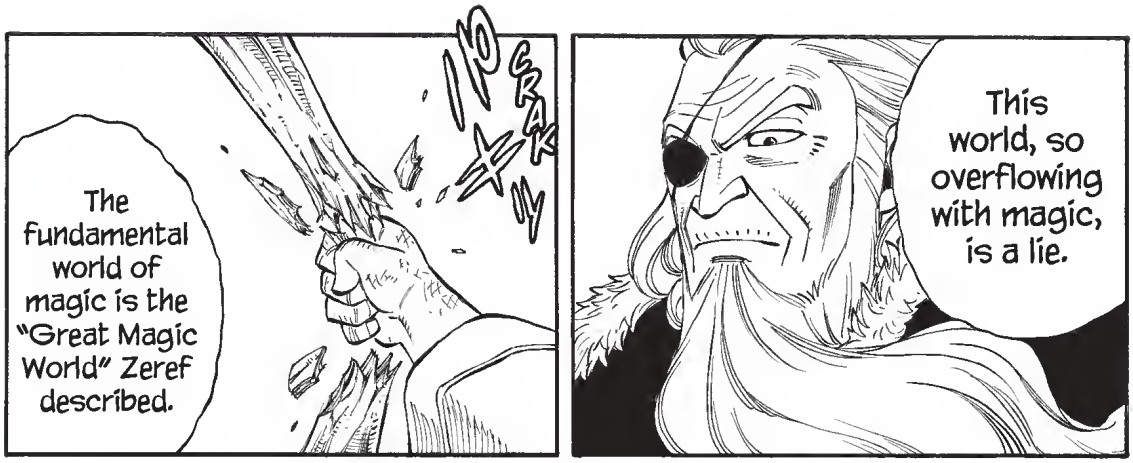
YAAAAA
AAHH
YAAY!!!
STOMP
STOMP
Is she all right? What happened to Zeref?
She never returned to camp.
Where's Juvia?
Thank you for coming back...
HUMPH
GLANCE

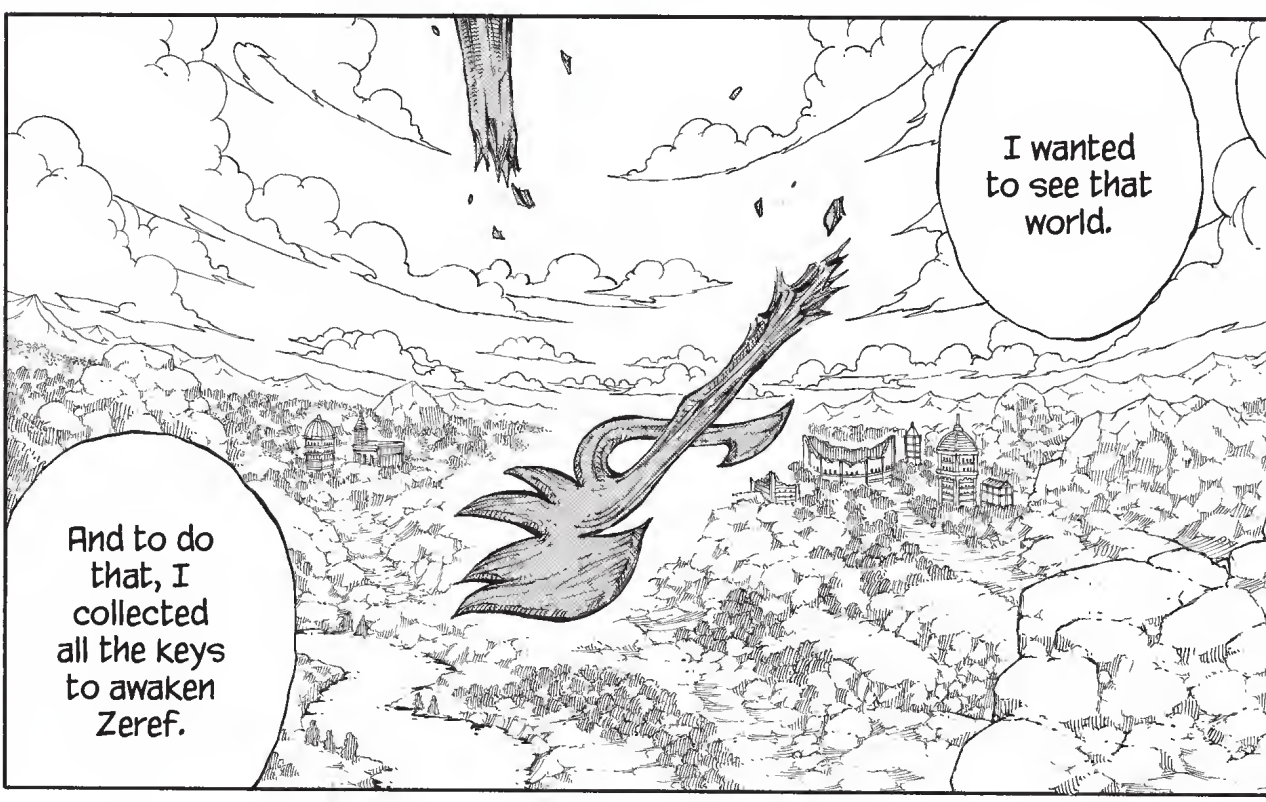
L-Laxus ...
A huge face!
Master, calm down!
Shut up, you old fart!
How dare a man who hasn't been reinstated yet set foot on Sirius Island?!!
Is that what you thought I'd say, idiot?!!!
ARWAR
I guess so.
The master is as strict as always. He is truly a man!
WAAH!
Hey, stop that! Hey! Hey!!
You've come back to us, Laxus !!!!
Laxus !!!
So let's make it simple! A battle! An all-out battle!
Somebody got in the way of the second test, so it don't count!!!!
SHUM
SHUM
You meant NOW?!!
Okay, time to get the test going again!
"Not reinstated yet?"

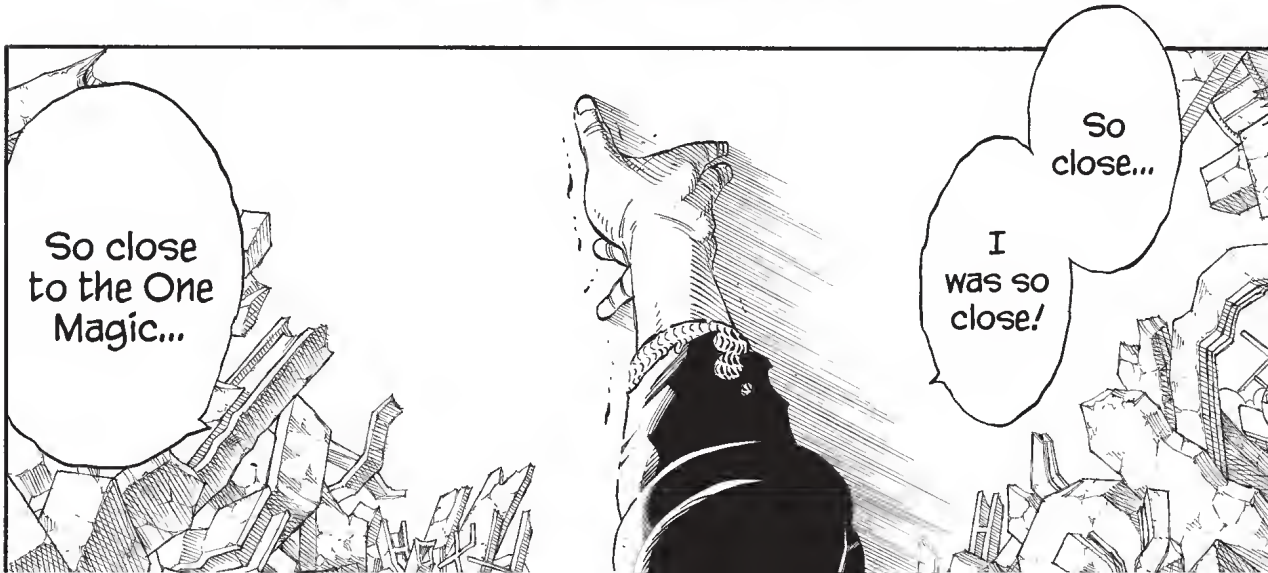
It is a side effect from eating non-fire magic.
Natsu !!
Look at how the dummy faints!!!
GWAAH!
ZA-THUD
Have you gotten sick in the head?! You think you can win against me as beat up as you are?!
Sure can! No problem! With my new Raienryû power...
Stop it, Gajeel.
Let's go back.
That's true, huh?
Wha? I have to be the one to carry Natsu?!!
Anyway, let's all head back to camp.
We can't hold out much longer without some rest.
SHIIK
Juvia ...
I hope Father's all right...

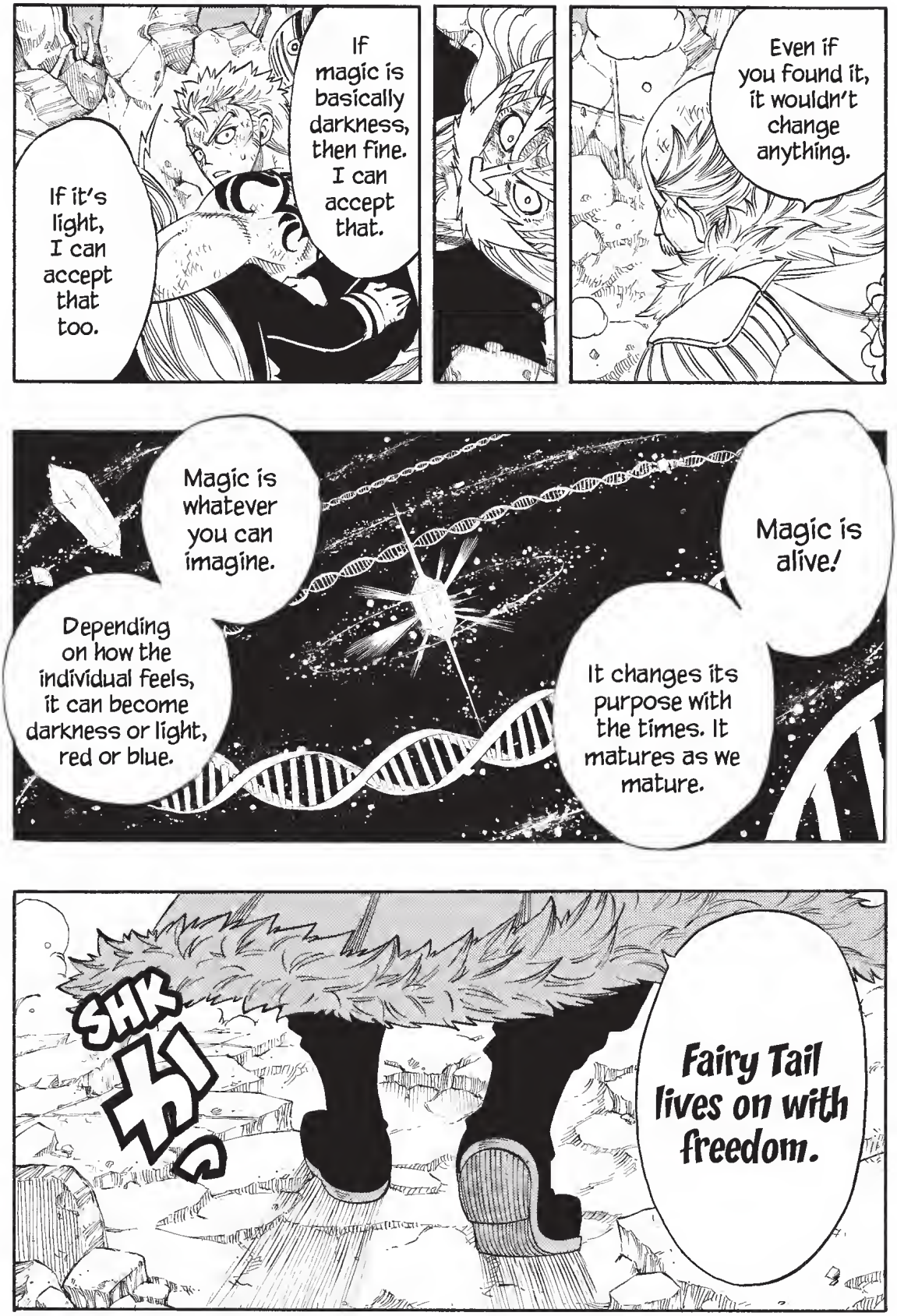
TWITCH
Makarov ...
Finish me off.
We fought, and I lost to you.
But my kids beat you down.
Don't be naïve... If you let me live now, I will come back, and when I do, I'll crush your guild completely.
I learned many things from you.
In thanks, I'm letting you get away. But get off the island!

If it weren't for those coincidences, I would never have lost to them.
And Sirius Island gave its power to your children.
My heart was destroyed.
You're wrong ...
Why did you fall into darkness?
And the miracle born of the darkness is what people call magic.
I already told you... The basis of magic *is* darkness!
I wanted to discover the basic laws of the world.
After I retired from the guild, I traveled far down the path of magic.


The fundamental world of magic is the "Great Magic World" Zeref described.
This world, so overflowing with magic, is a lie.

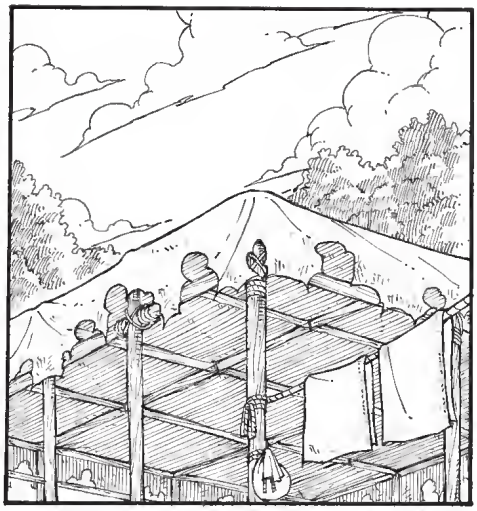

I wanted to see that world.
And to do that, I collected all the keys to awaken Zeref.


So close to the One Magic...
So close...
I was so close!

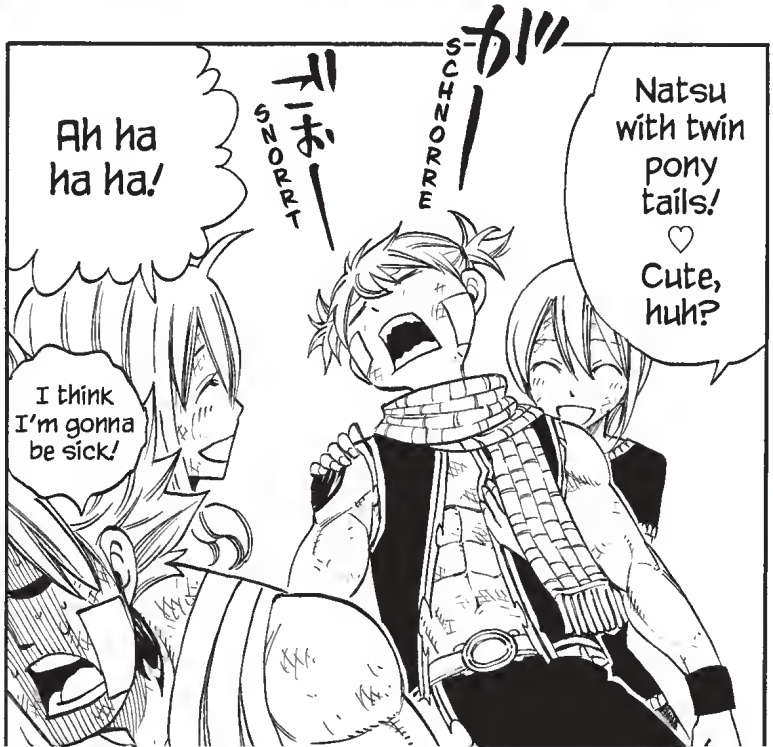

If it's light, I can accept that too.
If magic is basically darkness, then fine. I can accept that.
Even if you found it, it wouldn't change anything.
Magic is whatever you can imagine.
Depending on how the individual feels, it can become darkness or light, red or blue.
Magic is alive!
It changes its purpose with the times. It matures as we mature.
SHK
Fairy Tail lives on with freedom.

You taught me all of that!
BOOM!

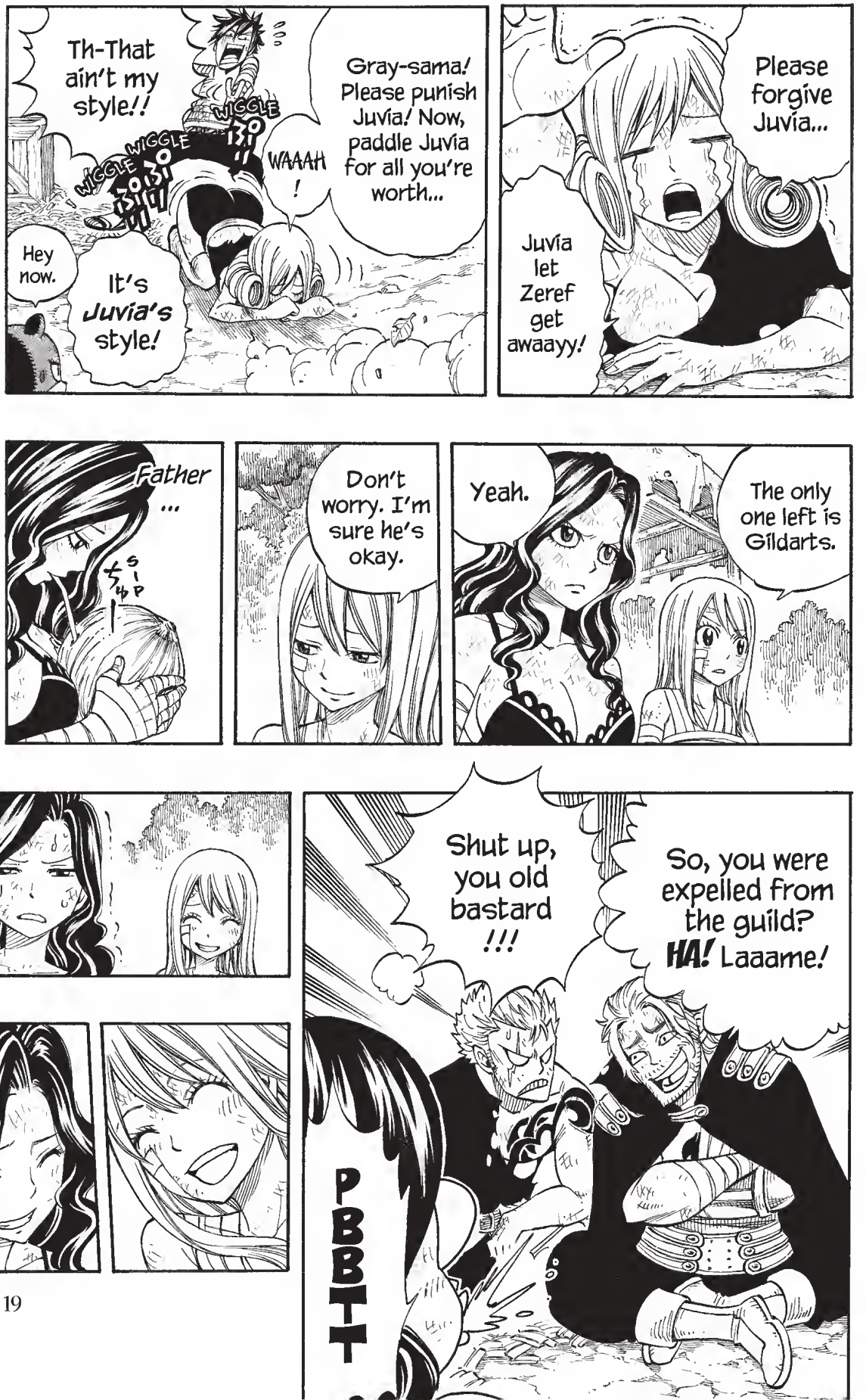
Who cares? Just let him sleep.
Shut up, Natsu!!! Can't you sleep *quietly*?!!
Mira!! I just had a good idea!
SNOORE
SCHNOORE
SNORT



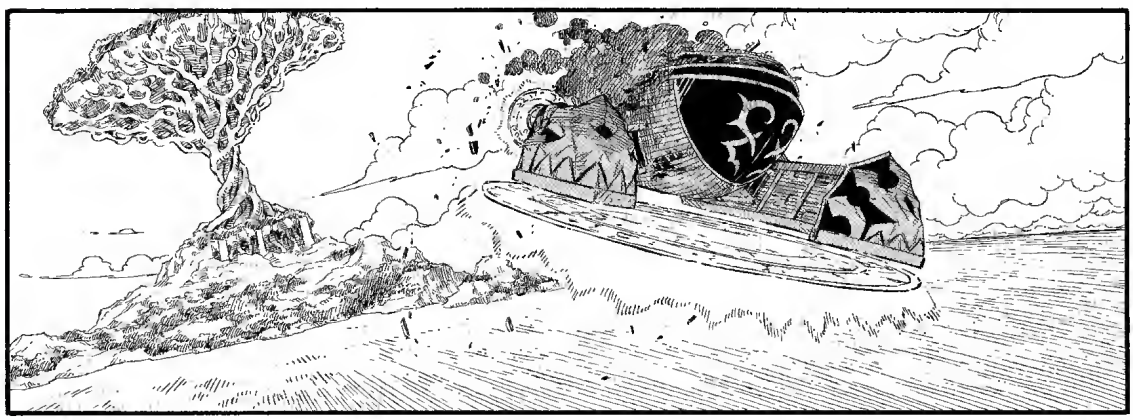
Sure it was by accident, but we did a good job!
So what we destroyed was Hades's heart, huh?
MUNCH


Ah ha ha ha!
I think I'm gonna be sick!
Natsu with twin pony tails! ♡ Cute, huh?
SCHNORRE
SNORRT

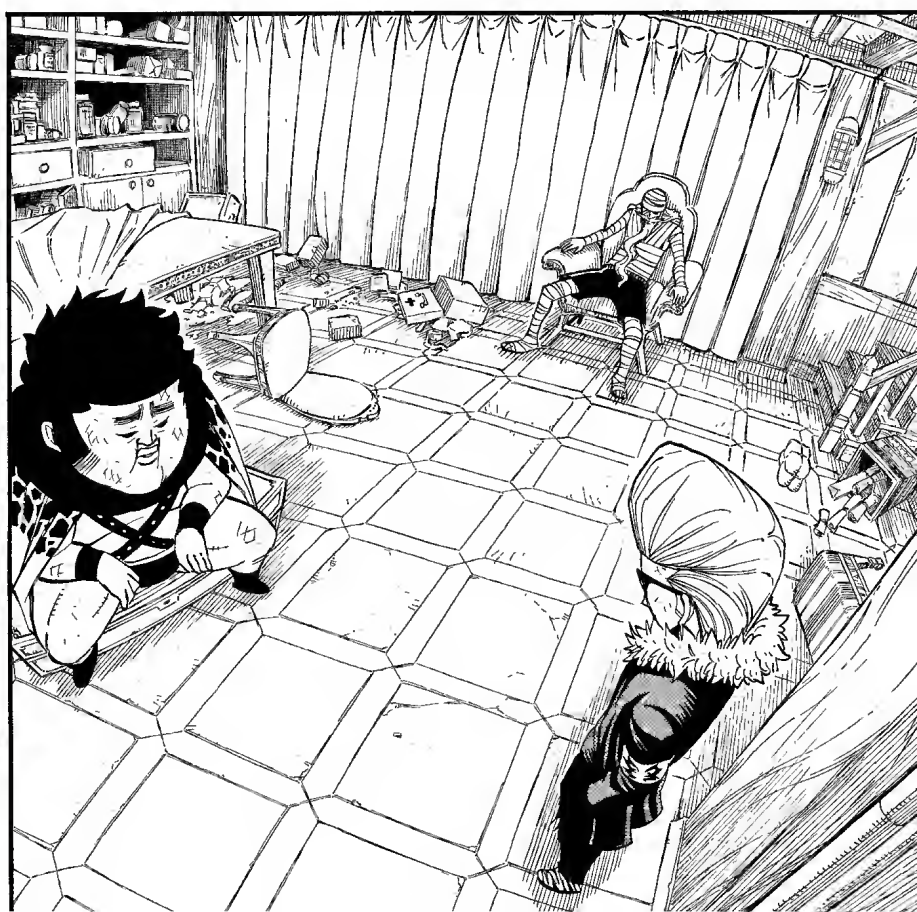
Laxus is back with us!!!! Waaah! Waaah!
Naw... I can't really say that I'm back.
It's so great that you're back, Laxus!!
Like I was saying...
Hm. Certainly not as badly as you.
KAFF KOFF
Hey!! You ain't wounded, are ya, Lily?
GAUGH
No... Ever since Sirius Island went back to normal, I've been feeling good.
I'm just fine! You should get some rest yourself, Wendy!
Next... I should start on Levy-san's wounds.
Hey! It doesn't hurt anymore!
You little...
Say... Laxus, while you were gone, Elfman did awful things to me. Get revenge on him for me.
Are you all right?!
Juvia !!!
Every ... ... body ...
SKRCH
Ultear ...?
Impos-sible...
But the tree was destroyed. How could it have come back...?


Th-That ain't my style!!
WIGGLE WIGGLE WIGGLE
Hey now.
It's Juvia's style!
WAAAH!
Gray-sama! Please punish Juvia! Now, paddle Juvia for all you're worth...
Please forgive Juvia...
Juvia let Zeref get awaayy!
Father...
SIP
Don't worry. I'm sure he's okay.
Yeah.
The only one left is Gildarts.
Shut up, you old bastard!!!
So, you were expelled from the guild? HA! Laaame!
PBBTT

Whoa!! Erza-san, you've even got nurse-uniform armor?
Wendy, shall I take your place?
Gray-sama! What are you waiting for? Hurry! ♡
Gildarts! Let's fighhh— Snore!
Waa!! Stop shoving your butt at me!!
Hey, Natsu!
Erza, you ain't got no healing power, you know!

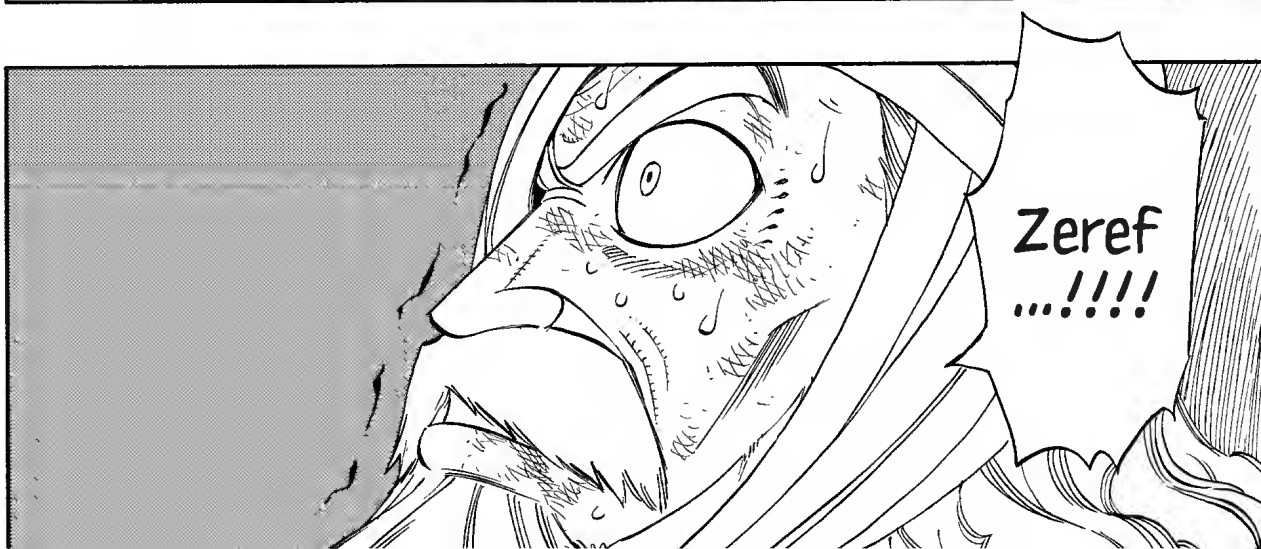


I would never have expected us to be defeated.
I can't believe it.
W-WEH ｳｿｰﾝ…



TAK
TAK
!!
Who's there?
You're not allowed...
TAK
Zeref was there, right before our eyes...
The Great Magic World was within our grasp...
TAK
It is people like you who made me what I am.
TAK
SHIVER
SHIVER
It's your evil thoughts that summoned Acnologia.
!
They tell me that this age is nearly over.

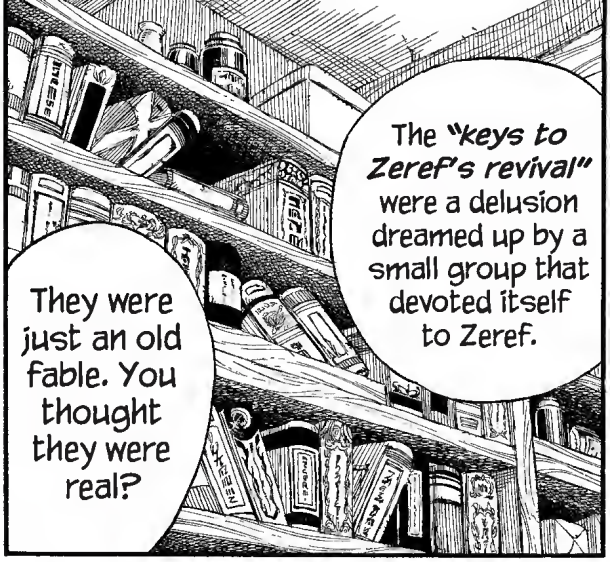
No one can stop it now.
The world ends here.

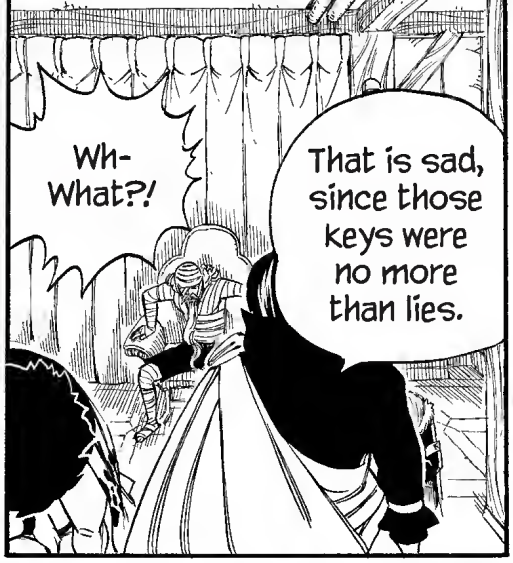

Zeref ...!!!!

Chapter 250: Zeref Awakened

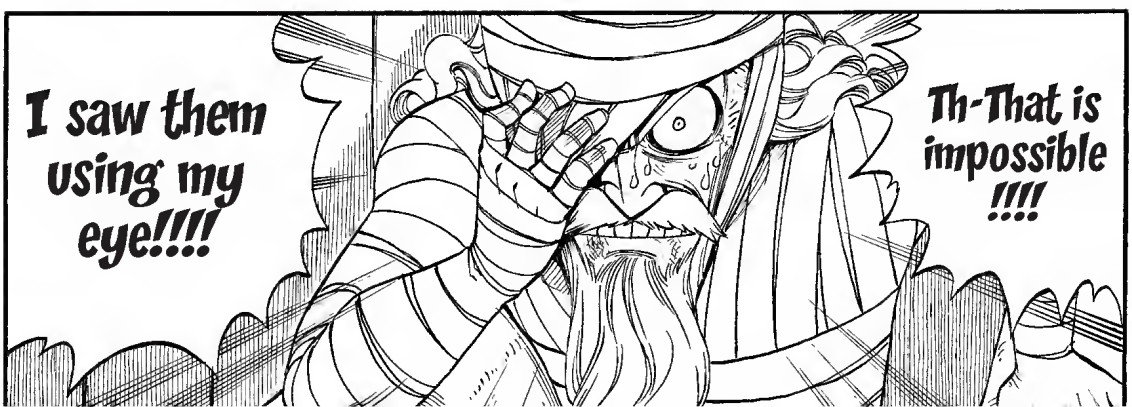
Zeref...
Zeref the Black Wizard...
...is here before me!
Is this real? Or am I dreaming ...?

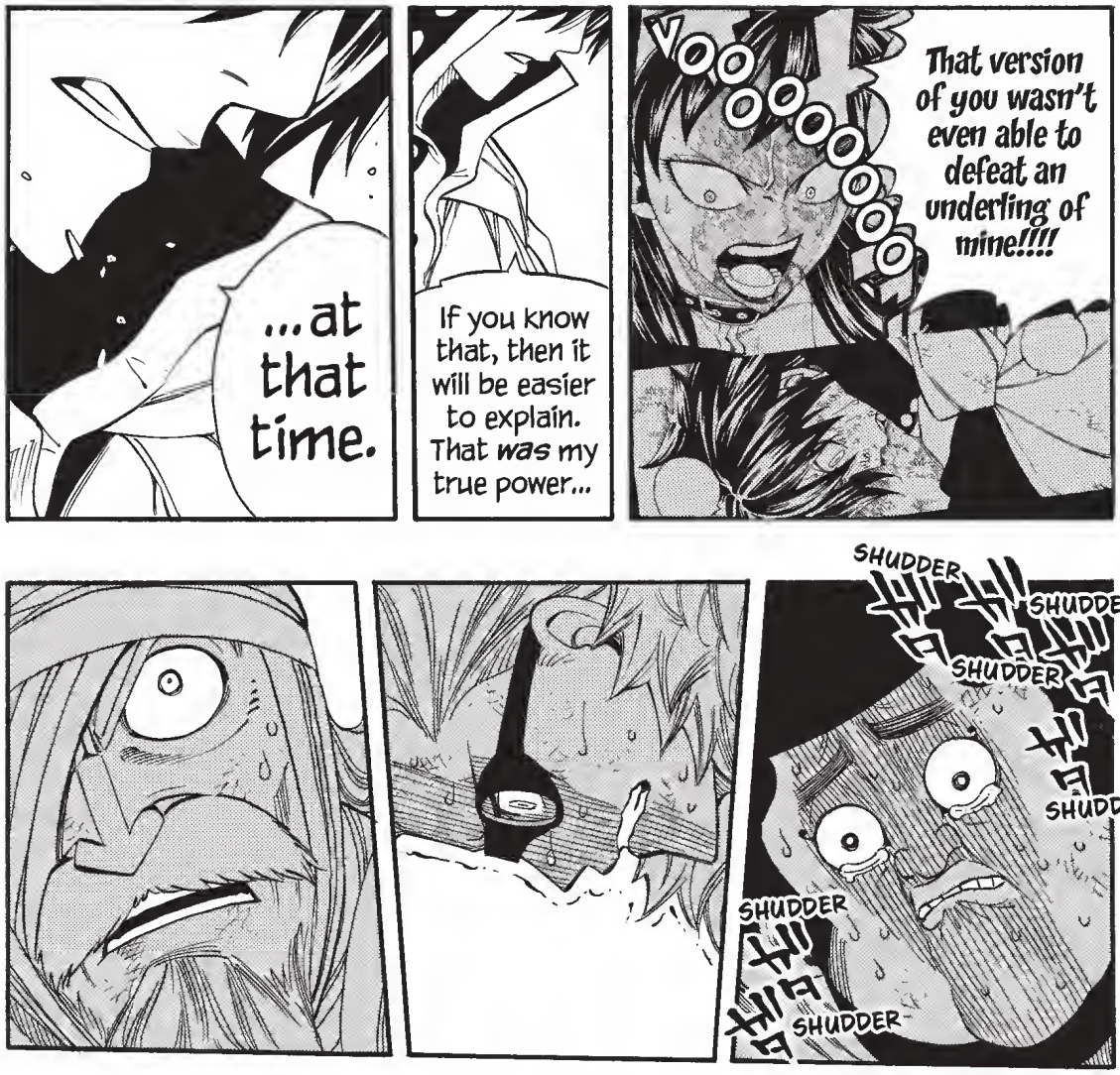
I can't move...
I...
...
The keys!!! Bring me the keys!!!
I have no right to judge, but quite a few people lost their lives in your pursuit of the keys, correct?
?!
SKRRT
I am awake.
That is not necessary.


They were just an old fable. You thought they were real?
The "keys to Zeref's revival" were a delusion dreamed up by a small group that devoted itself to Zeref.


Wh-What?!
That is sad, since those keys were no more than lies.

The one you see before you is Zeref the Black Wizard.
I was never asleep in the first place.


I saw them using my eye!!!!
Th-That is impossible !!!!


...at that time.
If you know that, then it will be easier to explain. That was my true power...
VOOOOOOOO
That version of you wasn't even able to defeat an underling of mine!!!!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER

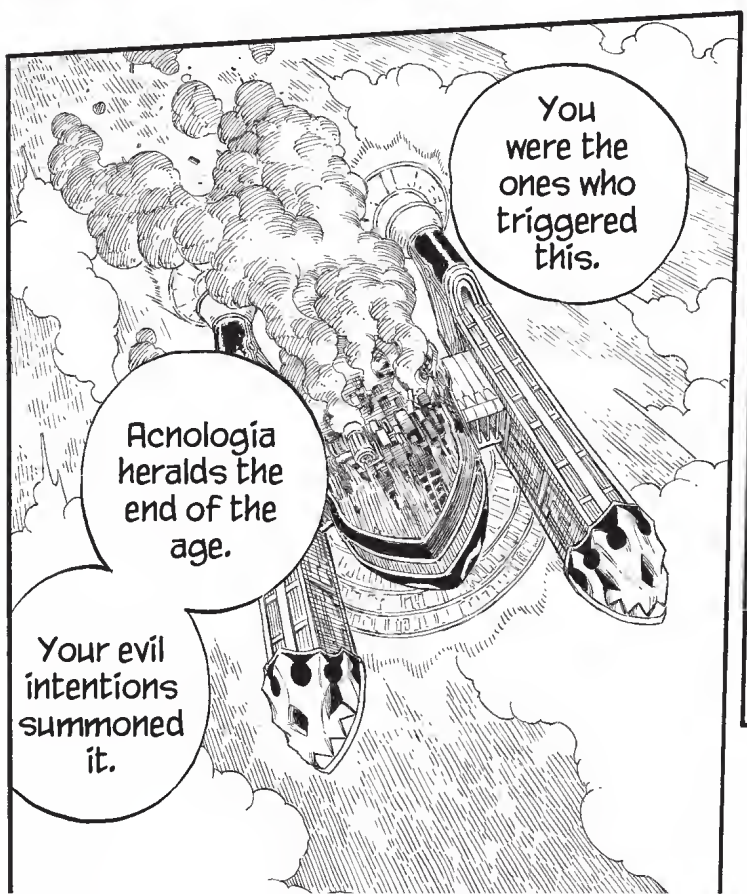
However ...
...there was one day that taught me the value of life.
You see...
...over four hundred years, I have seen countless battles... and countless deaths.
WHOOOOOSH

That was when it began. My body is cursed. The more precious I feel human life is, the more souls it steals.
To stop it from stealing souls, I must forget the weight of a human life.

Yes...
That is why my magic never works as I would desire it to.

You're saying you are battling with the weight of life...?!!

Even for me, it is heart-rending.


You were the ones who triggered this.
Acnologia heralds the end of the age.
Your evil intentions summoned it.

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER

But if I actually *forgot* the weight of life, it would be different.

And now, you will be punished.
Just what are you talking about ...?!!
Acnologia ?!!
W-Wait !!!!
SHUDDER
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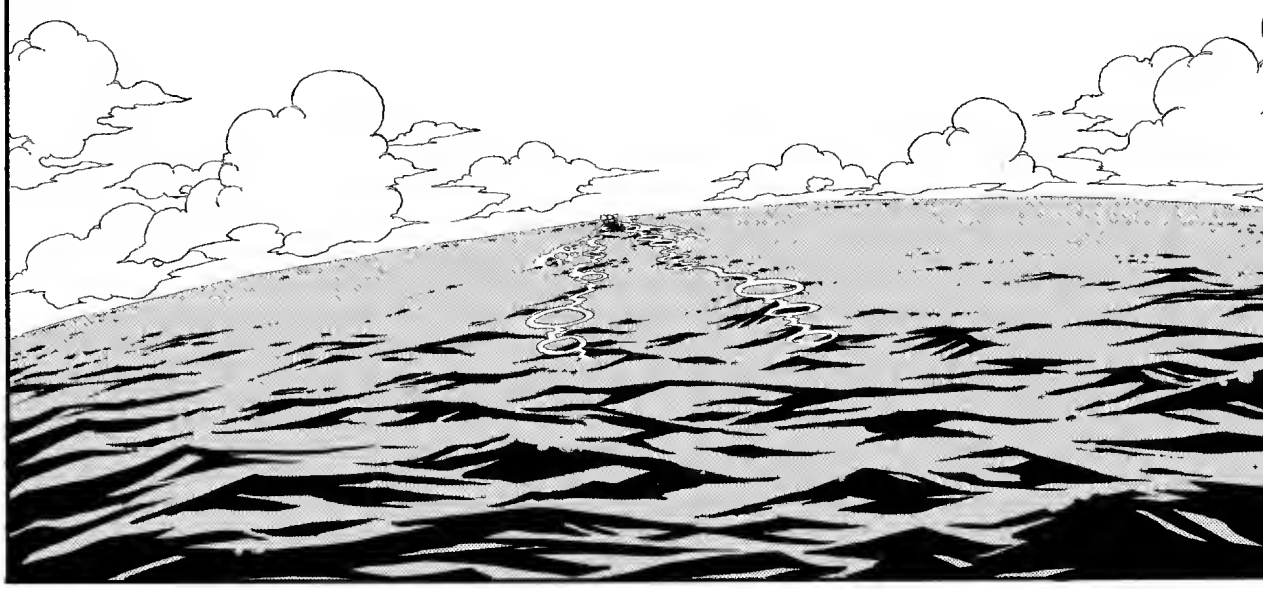
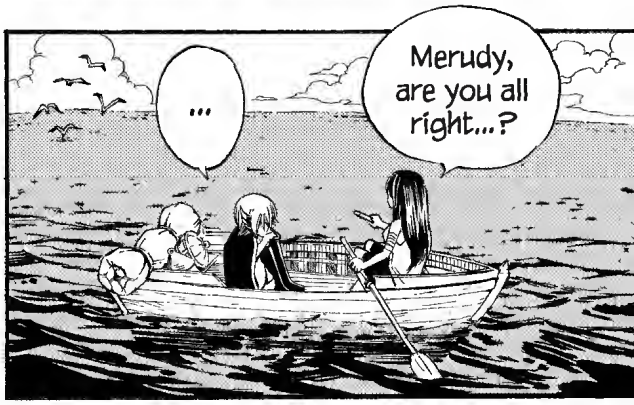
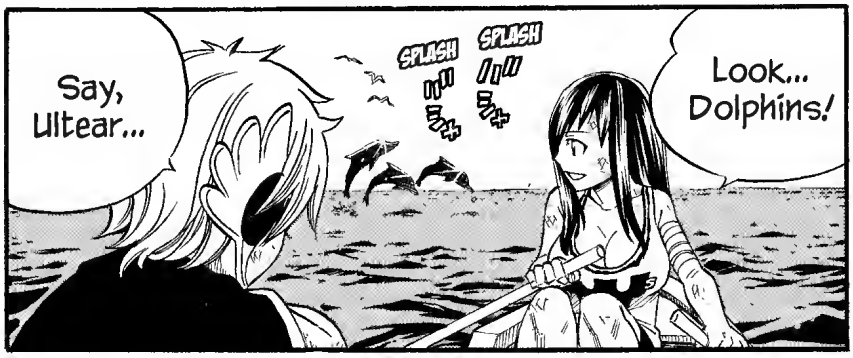
SHUDDER
There's so much I still want to ask you!
First, for calling Acnologia.
And second...
...for making me forget the weight of life!

REPENT.



Forget Grimoire Heart. Forget Zeref.
...let's forget all this.
It may be hard so soon, but...

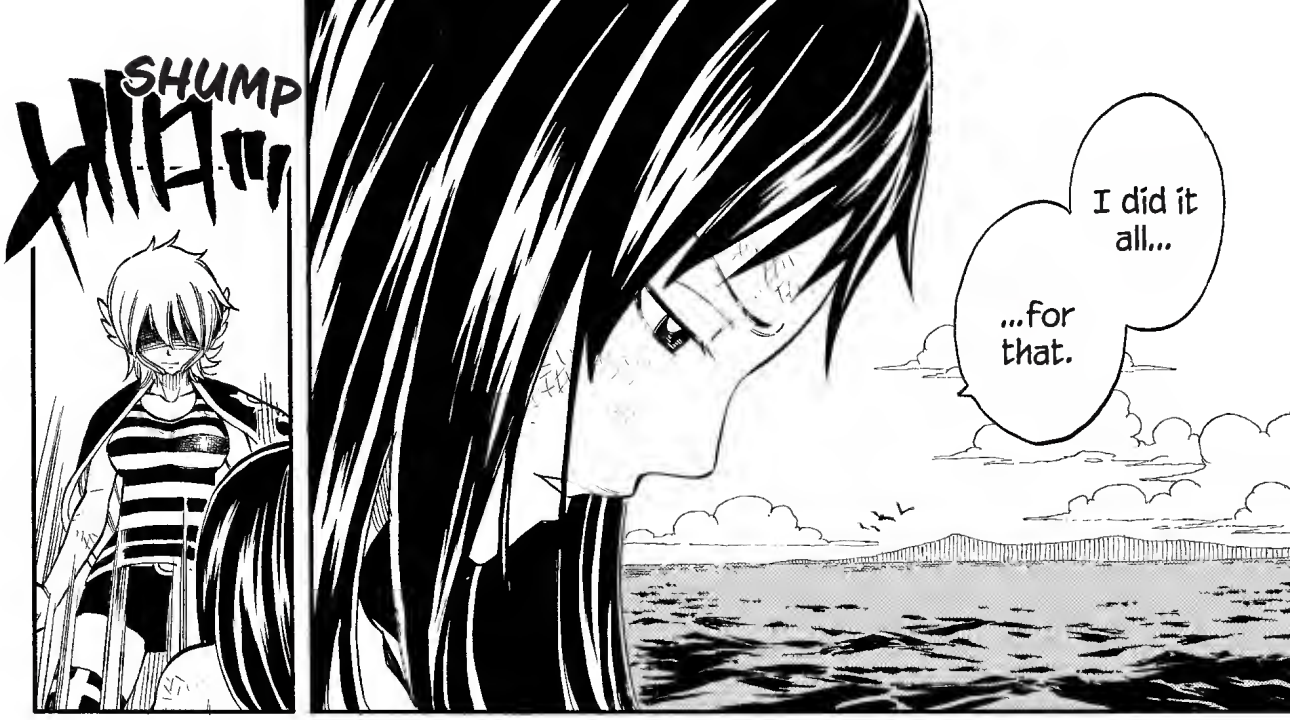

...
Merudy, are you all right...?


Say, Ultear...
SPLASH
SPLASH
Look... Dolphins!

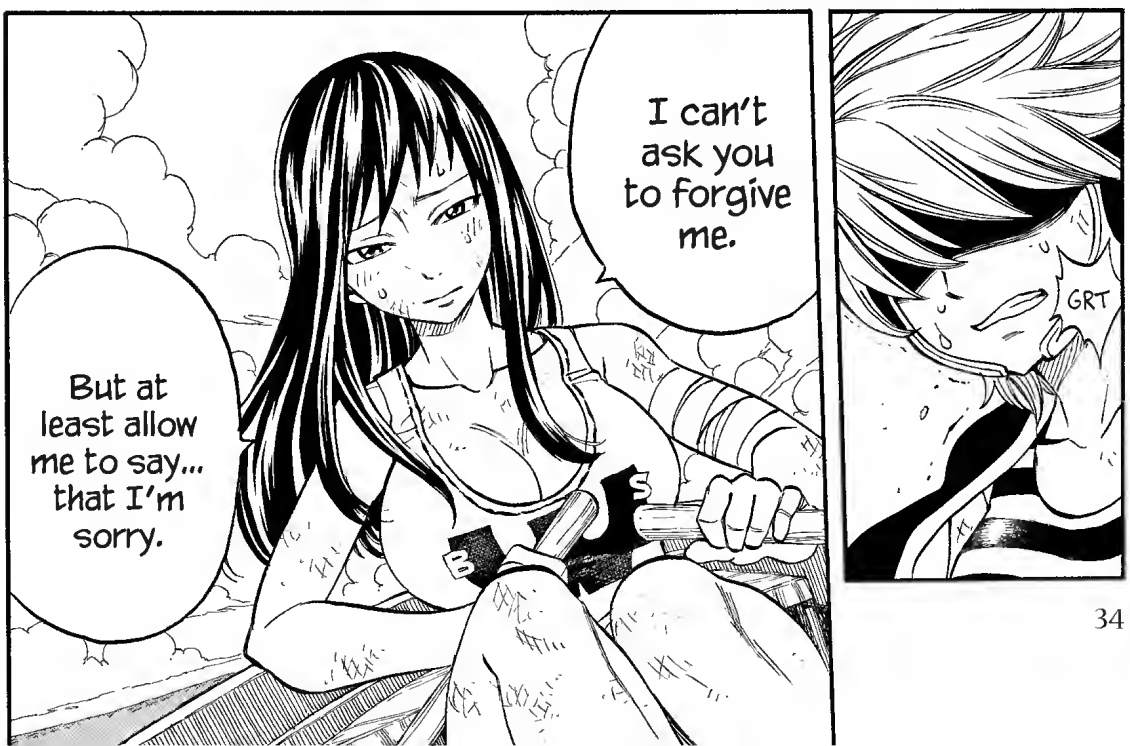
That you were the one who killed my family, friends... everyone...?

Is it true that the one...
...who attacked my town was you?

I knew that I would have to tell you someday...
SHIVER
Yes.
But I thought of my life as the "first time around."
And when the Great Magic World arrived and my Arc of Time was perfected, I could go back again.
I believed I could correct all the mistakes I'd made the first time around.
So no matter how cruel I acted... No matter how inhuman I became...
My second time around would be my *true* life.
It would be your true life too, and we'd be happy.


SHUMP
I did it all...
...for that.

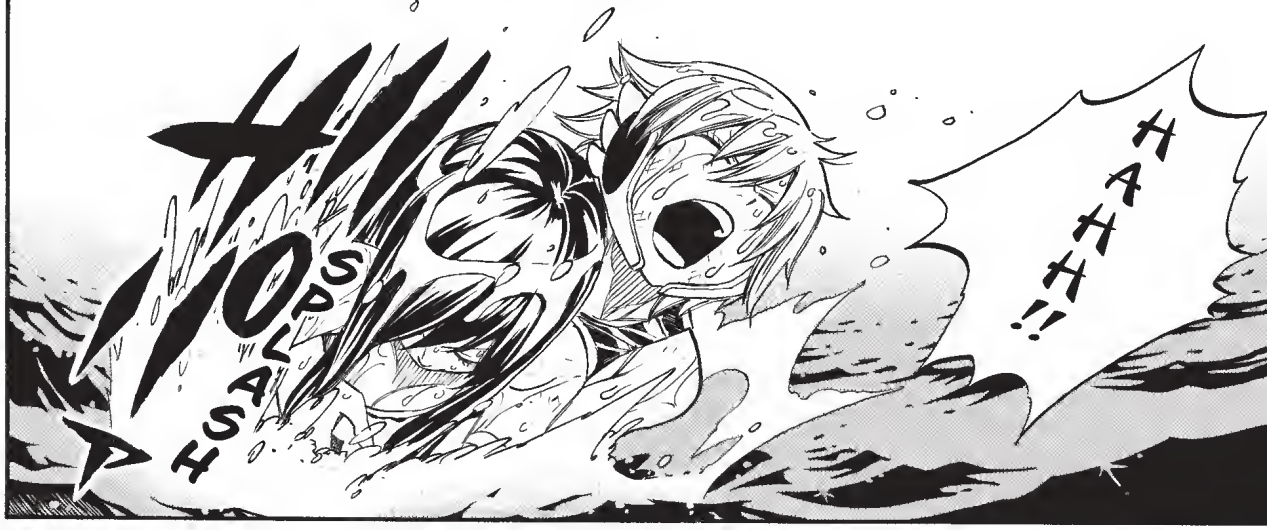
I piled sin upon sin for the sake of my delusions. I was stupid.
To everyone else, I was a demon.
I know. I kept those intentions inside.


But at least allow me to say... that I'm sorry.
I can't ask you to forgive me.
GRT

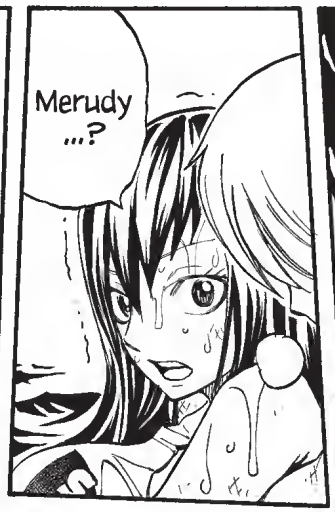
But you see...
SLM
I suppose you hate me so much, you could kill me.
Of course.
CLENCH
You won't need to bloody your beautiful hands any more.
SLIK
I'll... just... go away...

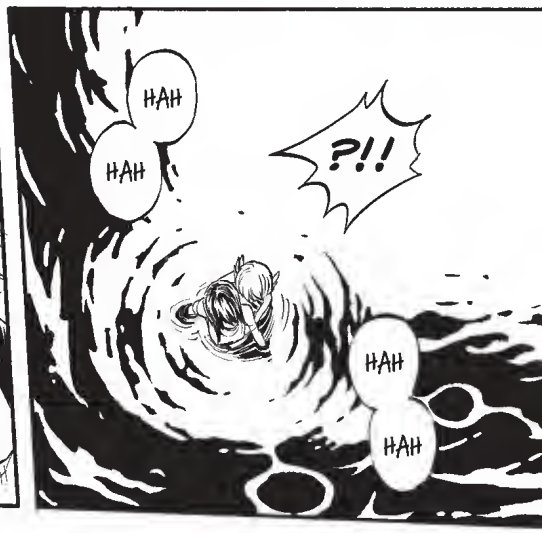
Ultear !!!
THE BREAK
Go find happiness...
I know you can.
SPLASH
バシャン
Merudy ...
I love you.

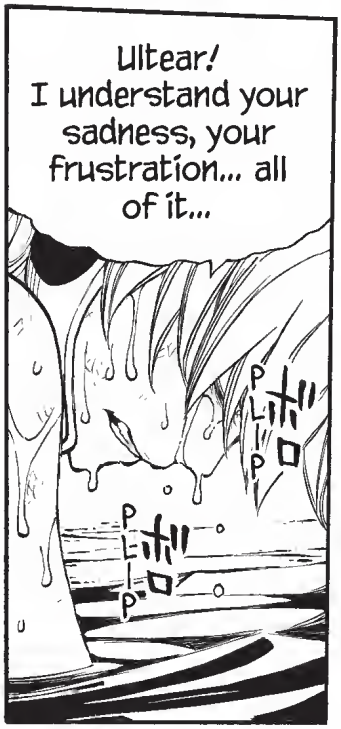
Ultear !!!!
The sea...
Inside Mother...
As endings go...
...this isn't too bad...

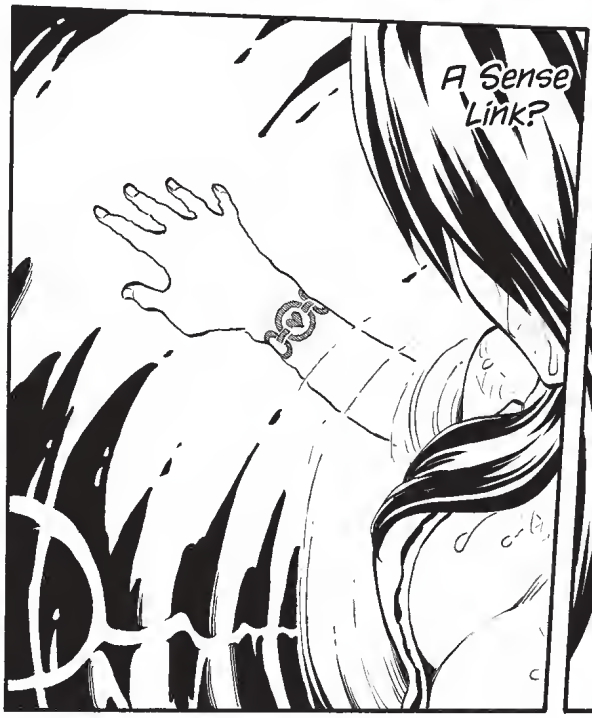

SPLASH!!
HAHAHA!!

...
We have ...
...to live...


Merudy ...?


HAH
HAH
?!!
HAH
HAH


Ultear! I understand your sadness, your frustration... all of it...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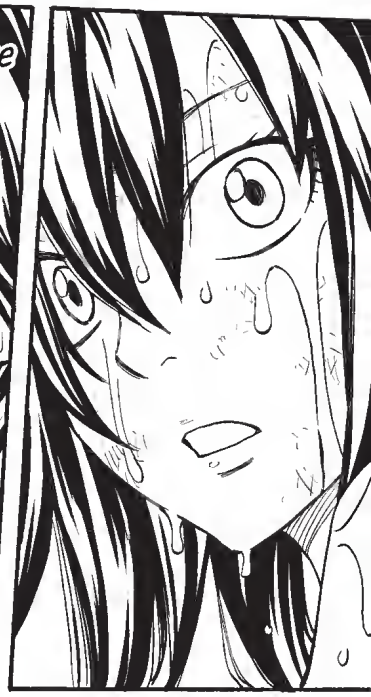
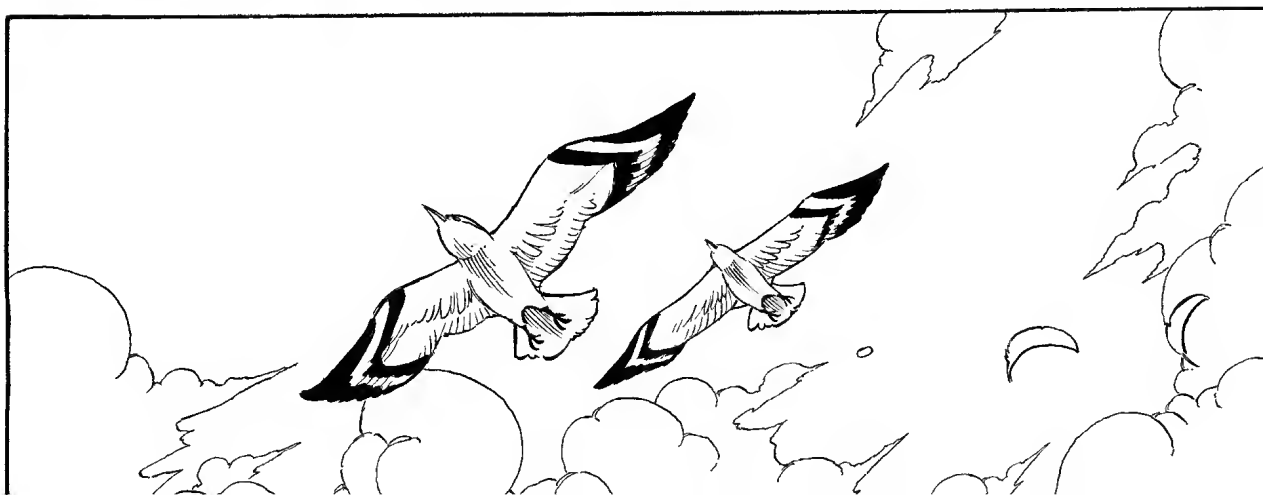
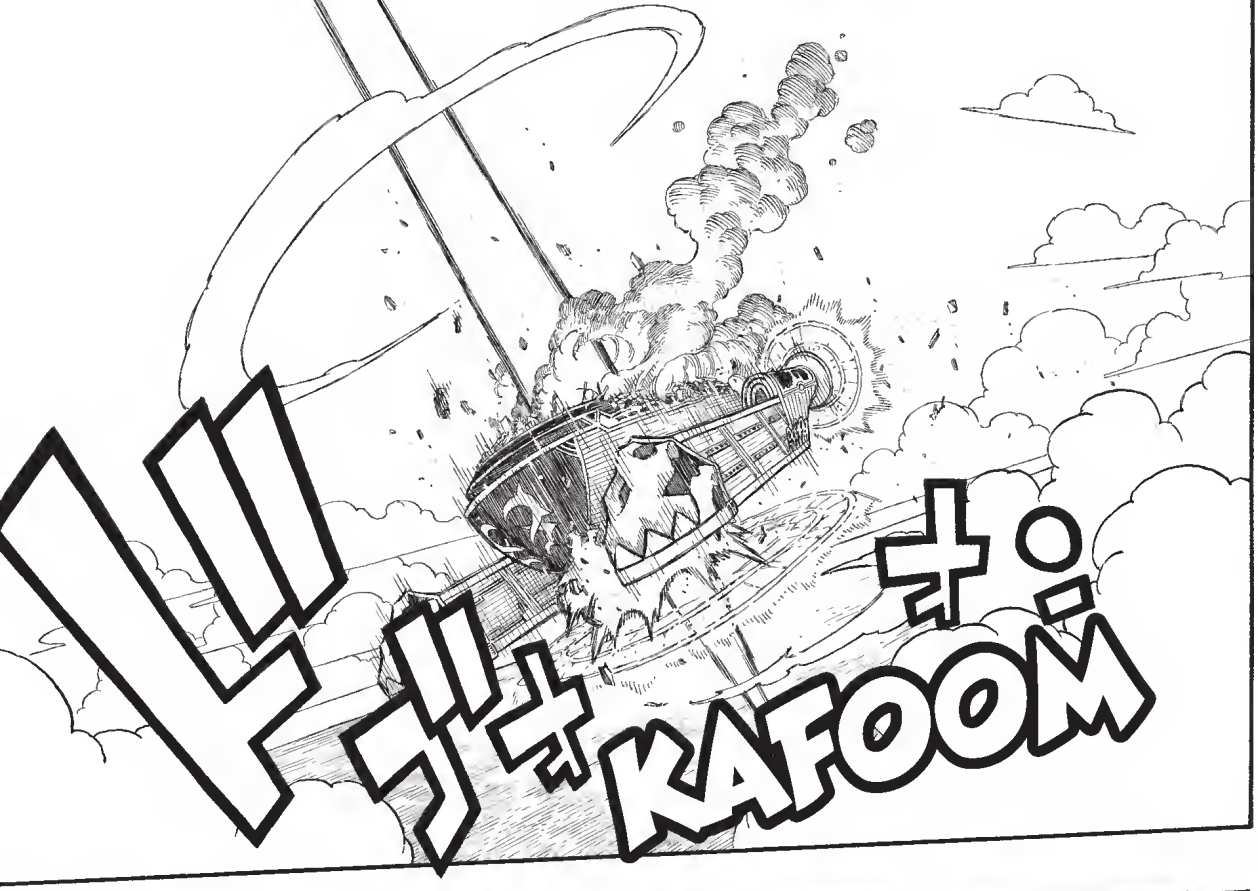
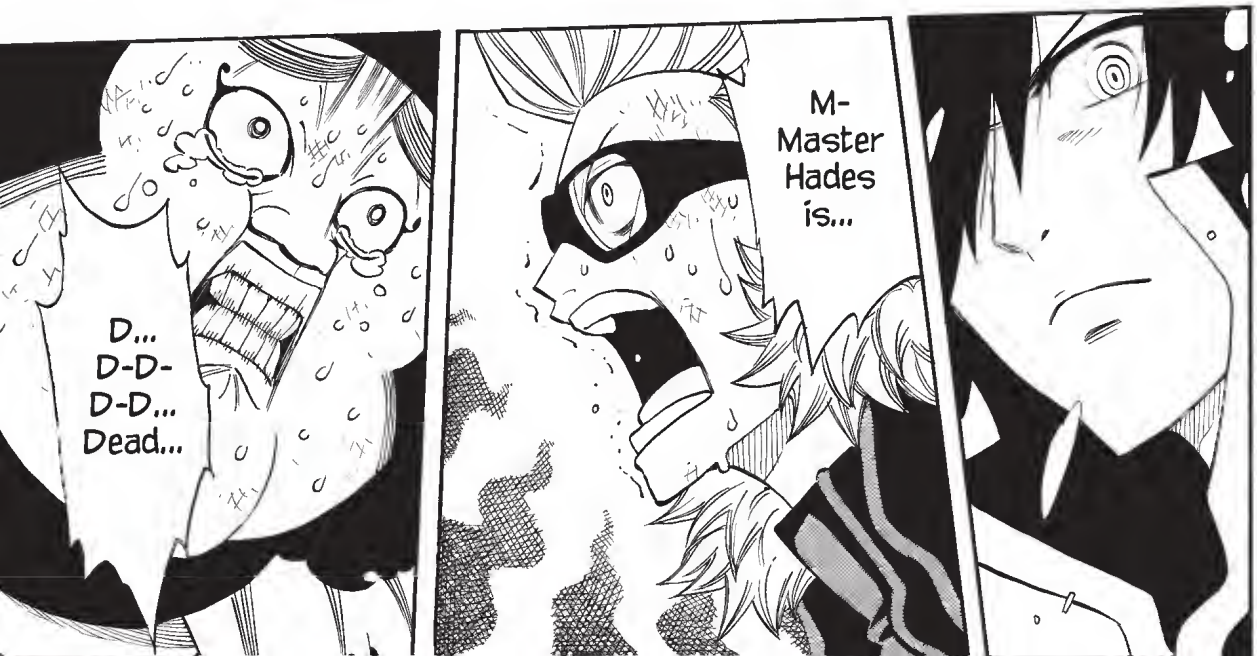


You raised me, Ultear...
Nothing can change that...
I forgive you...
I forgive you, all right?!
So don't ever say anything like that again!
WAAAAAAAAH
Please, don't leave me alone !!!!
I love you!!!! So please live!!!!




KAFOOM


D...
D-D-
D-D...
Dead...
M-
Master
Hades
is...

... impudent scum!
Fall into the under-world ...

!
TWITCH

So you've come ...
... Acno-logia !!!!

FAIRY TAIL

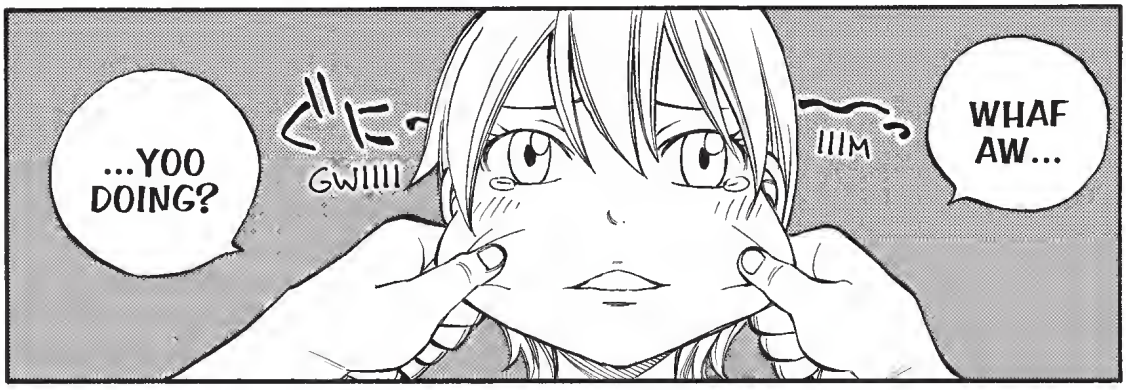
フェアリーテイル

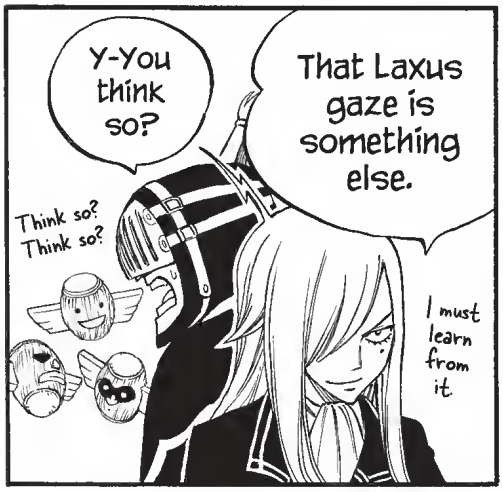
Chapter 251: The Right to Love

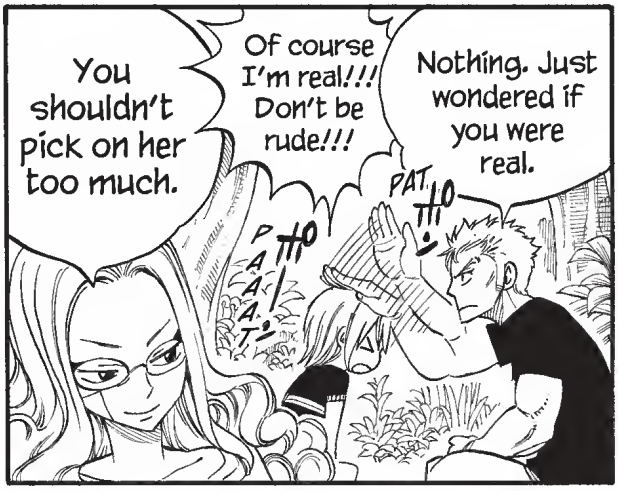
WHAAAAAT?!!!
This year's S-Class Wizard Qualification Test is *canceled.*
Like I said!
I can't accept that, old man!!!
Why you gotta cancel it?!!
You *will* make me S-Class !!!
You aren't the candidate! You were trying to make *Levy* an S-Class wizard.
After all that's happened, there's no choice.
ドッ

There's no reason for *you* to get so upset about it.
You're saying you're okay with this?! Dammit!
I guess there's nothing we can do.
...and Grimoire Heart interfered with things ...
One of the candidates turned out to be a Council member ...
And if Gray and Elfman and Levy are giving up, that makes *me* the S-Class wizard, right?!!!
Well I ain't giving up!!! I'm gonna become S-Class !!!!
So a *man* must know when to make an exit?
It's all right, Gray-sama! I'm sure you'll be chosen next time!!
Aarrgh! I wanted to be S-Class!
All riiiight!!!! I'm all fired up!!!!
Natsu, if you can defeat me, I'll make you S-Class.
I'll just start a special Final Test right here and now.
FLIP FLIP
Really, old man ?!!!
Fine, then!
Calm down, Natsu.
I'm gonna be S-Class !!!

I...
...
lose
...

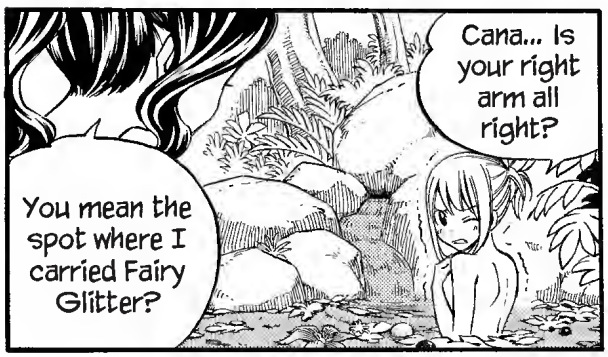

...YOO DOING?
GWIIII
IIIM
WHAF AW...

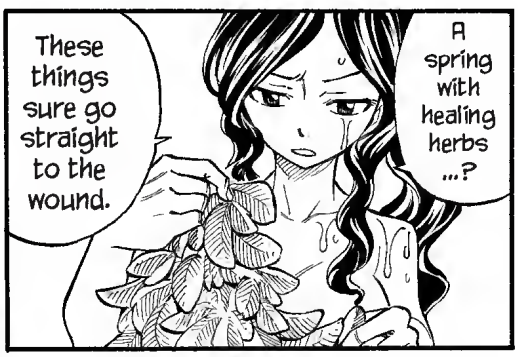

Y-You think so?
That Laxus gaze is something else.
Think so? Think so?
I must learn from it.

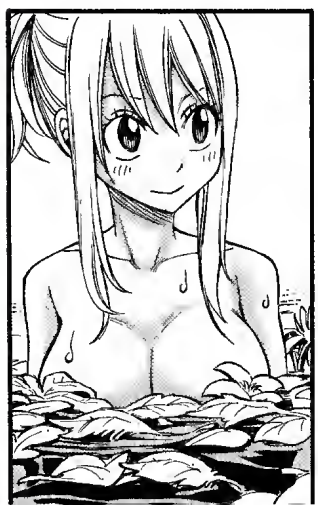

You shouldn't pick on her too much.
Of course I'm real!!! Don't be rude!!!
Nothing. Just wondered if you were real.
PAAAT
PAT

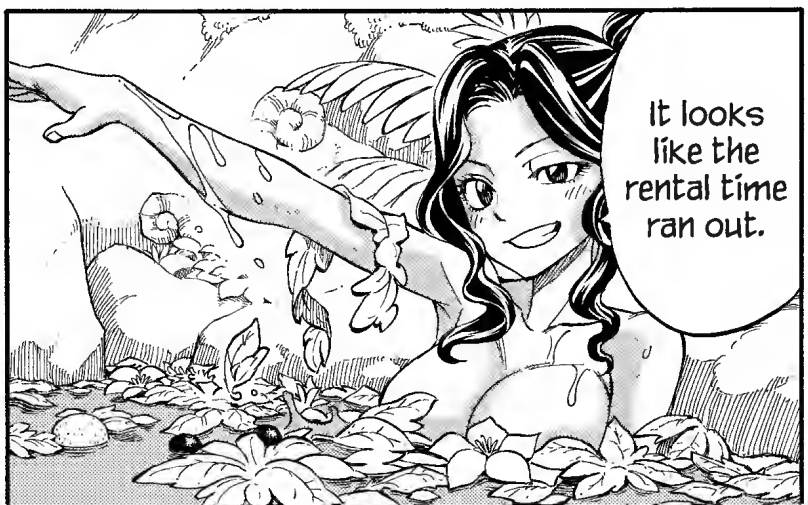
I guess I'm a little afraid to introduce myself, Carla.
Hm? What is there to be afraid of?
Just a bit clumsy around people.
Erza-san!
I'm sure many rumors have been spread about him, but at heart, he isn't a bad man.
Okay!
Then I'll go and say hi.
PLISH
ちゃぴ

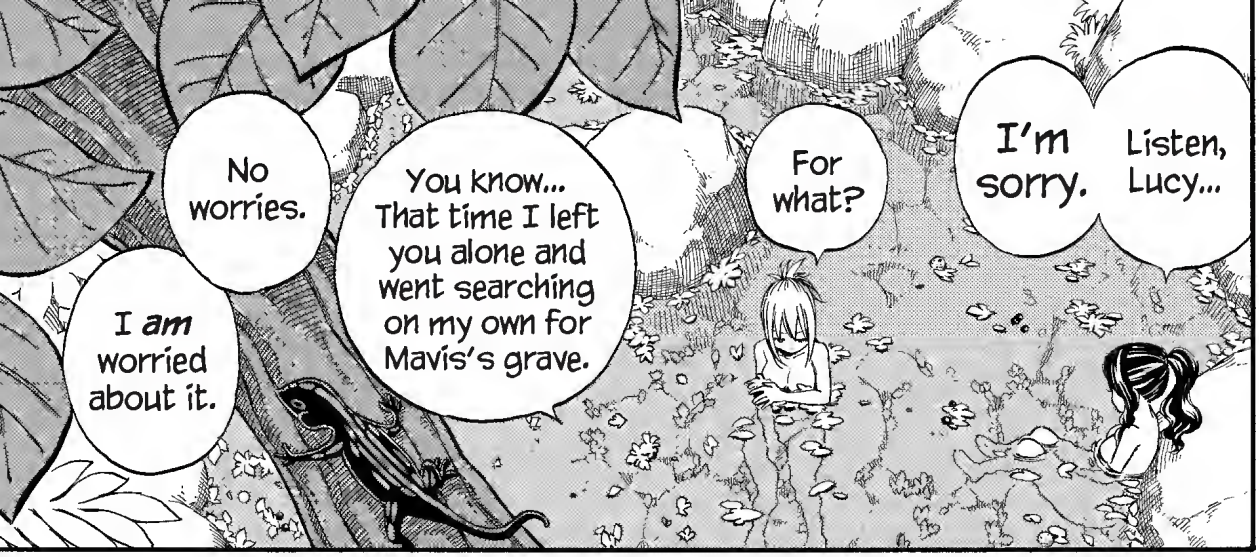
OW, OW, OW!
PLANT

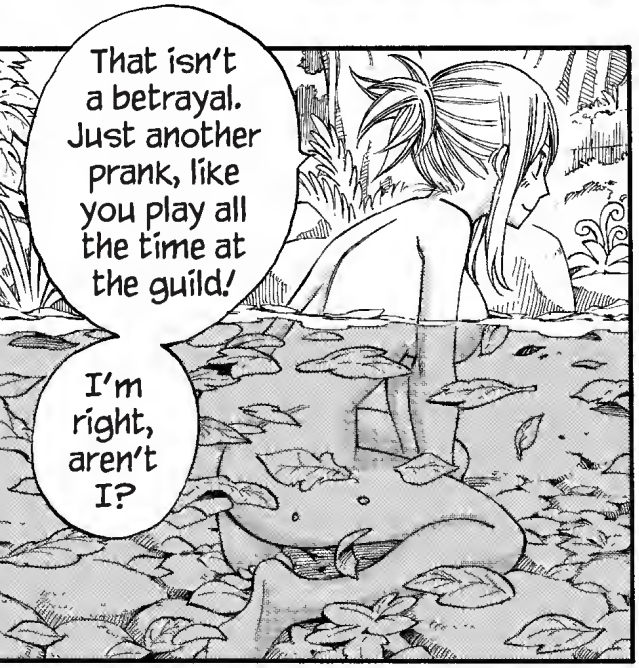

Cana... Is your right arm all right?
You mean the spot where I carried Fairy Glitter?


A spring with healing herbs ...?
These things sure go straight to the wound.

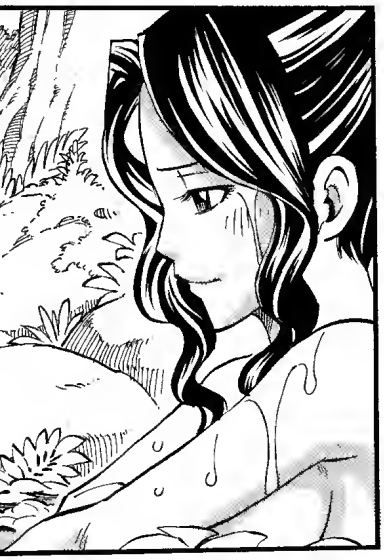



It looks like the rental time ran out.


Listen, Lucy...
I'm sorry.
For what?
You know... That time I left you alone and went searching on my own for Mavis's grave.
No worries.
I *am* worried about it.

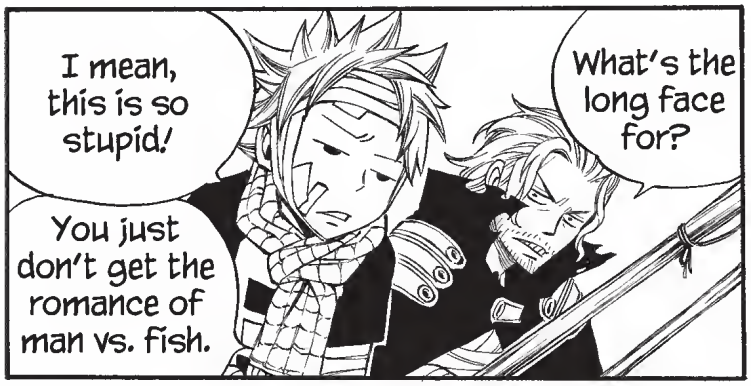

That isn't a betrayal. Just another prank, like you play all the time at the guild!
I'm right, aren't I?

I think I'll always regret betraying my friends.

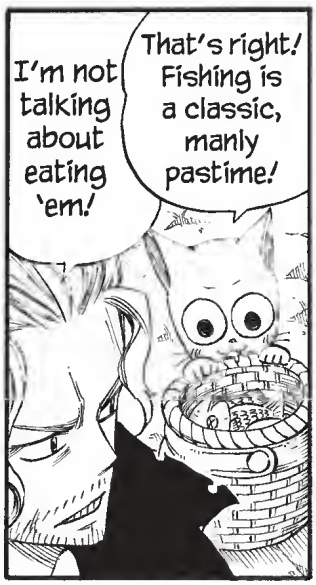


And if I started thinking you were some kind of traitor all the time ...
...that'd *suck* for me too!
Right?

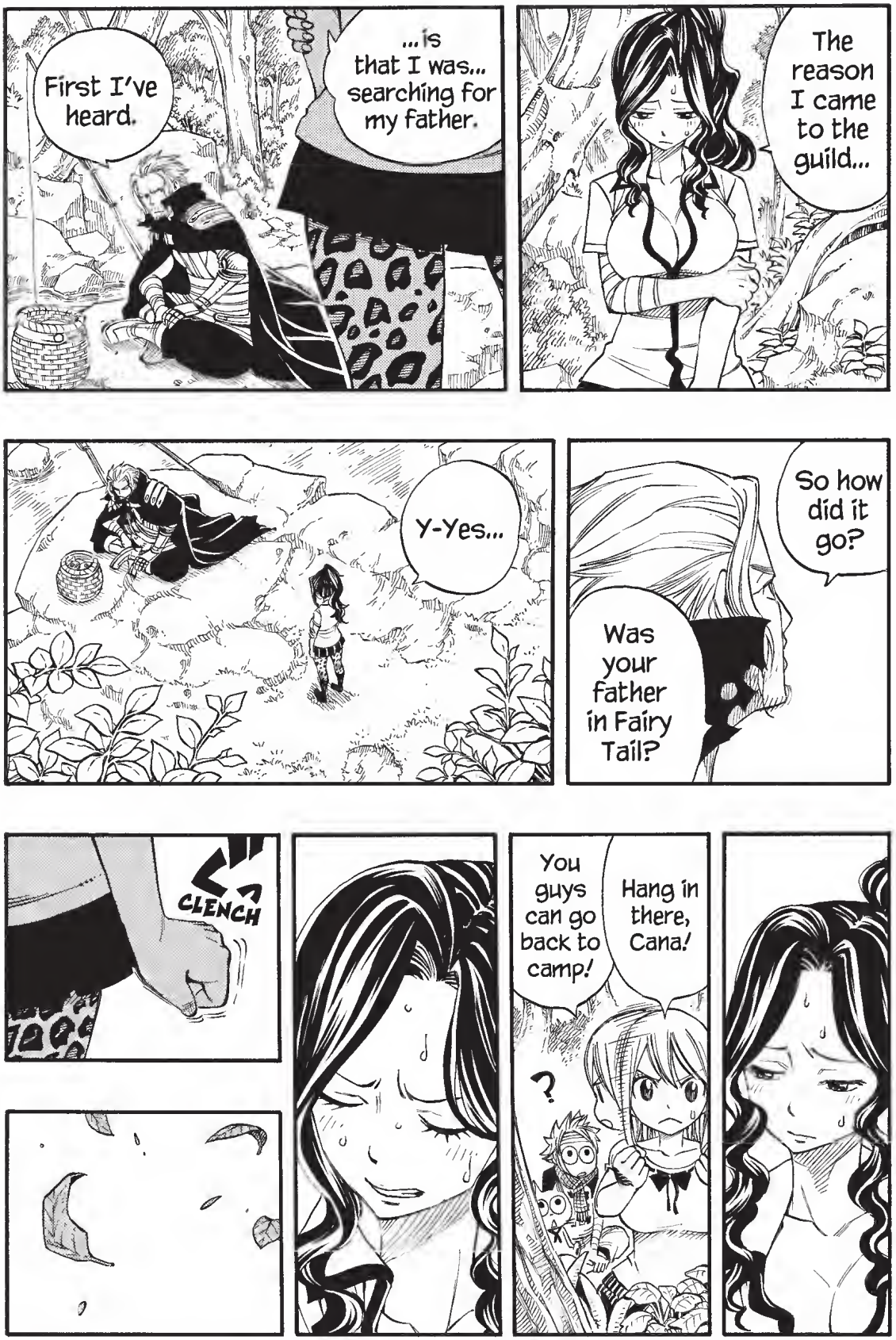
I never made it to S-Class, but...
...I think I'm going to tell my father anyway.

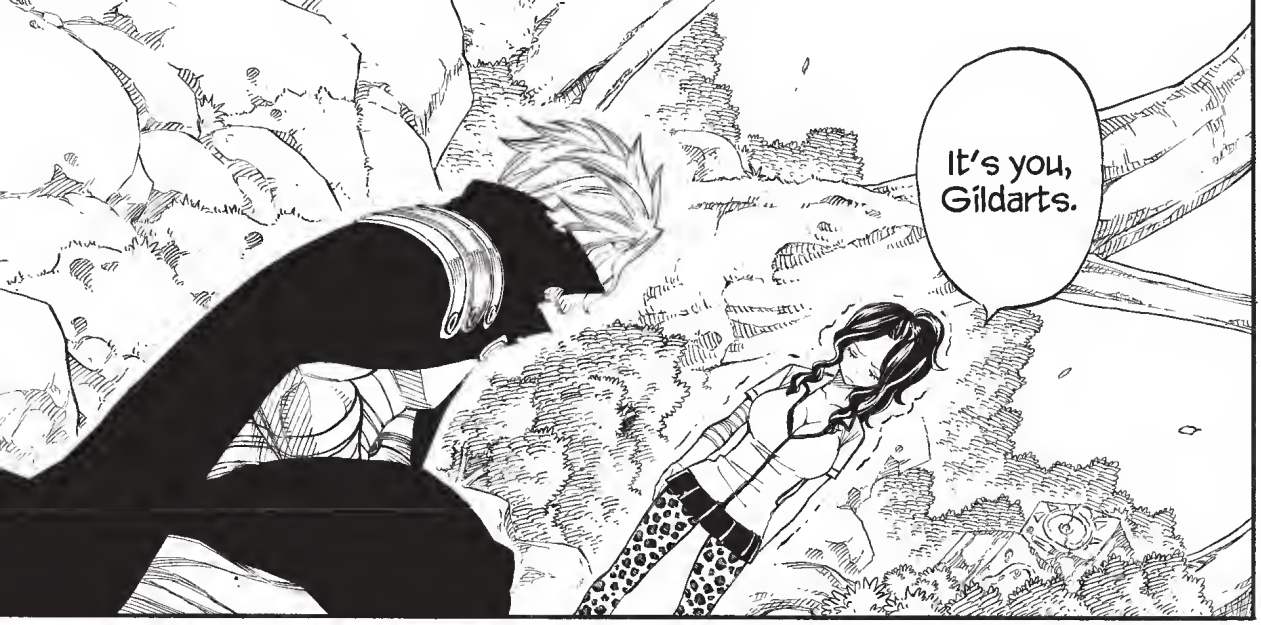

I mean, this is so stupid!
What's the long face for?
You just don't get the romance of man vs. fish.

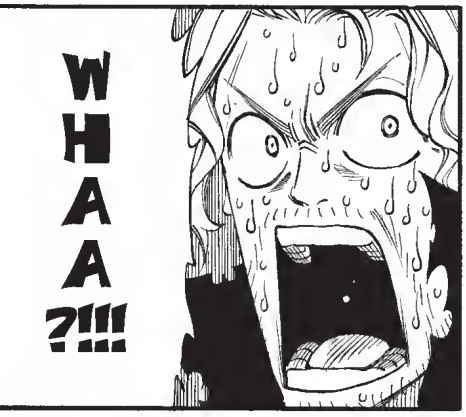
Eat or be eaten!!! The primeval struggle !!!!
I'm talking about the thrill of the hunt!!!
This is a *man's* pastime !!!
Becoming one with nature!!!

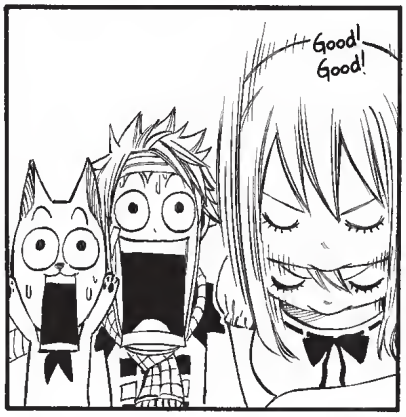

I'm not talking about eating 'em!
That's right! Fishing is a classic, manly pastime!

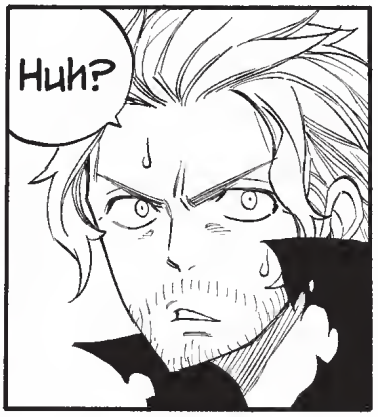
Hold on a bit! This is the moment Natsu awakens to classic manliness!
Gild-arts!
Good, Natsu!! Pull it in! Pull it in!!!
Hey! I think I hooked something!
LOTWCH
Uh...
Our dinner!!
Wait! My fish!!
Natsu, Happy, step right this way!
Hm?
Cana has something really important to talk to you about.
What is it?


First I've heard.
...is that I was... searching for my father.
The reason I came to the guild...
Y-Yes...
So how did it go?
Was your father in Fairy Tail?
CLENCH
You guys can go back to camp!
Hang in there, Cana!
?

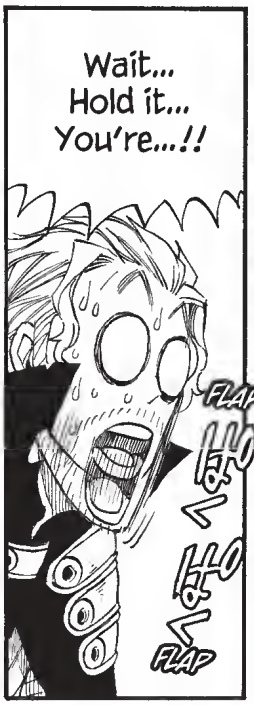

It's you, Gildarts.


WHAA ?!!!


Good! Good!


Huh?

Yeah... It's hard to accept, huh?

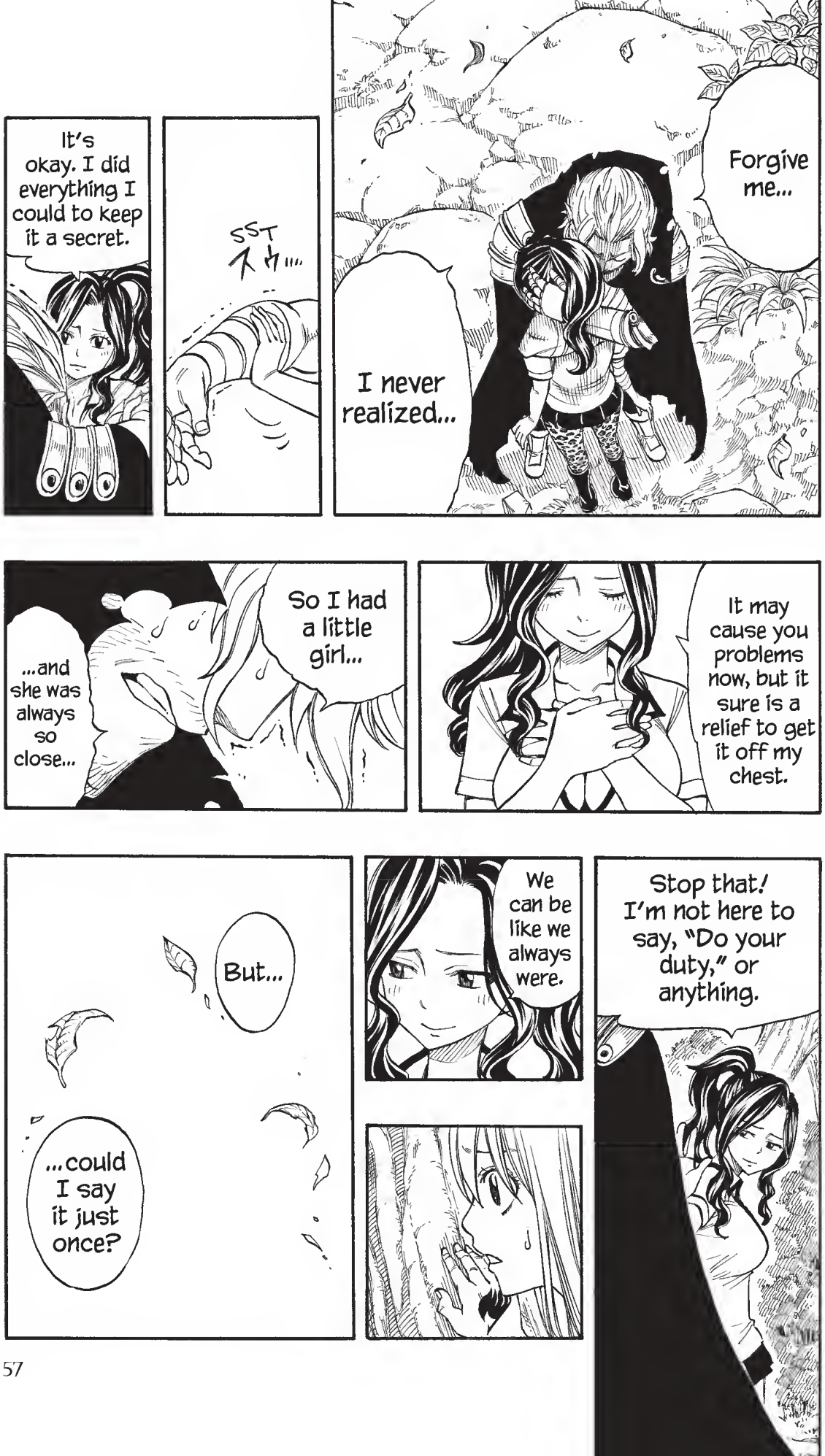

Wait... Hold it... You're...!!
FLAP
HO
HO
FLAP

Things got in the way...
...and I couldn't bring myself to say anything ...

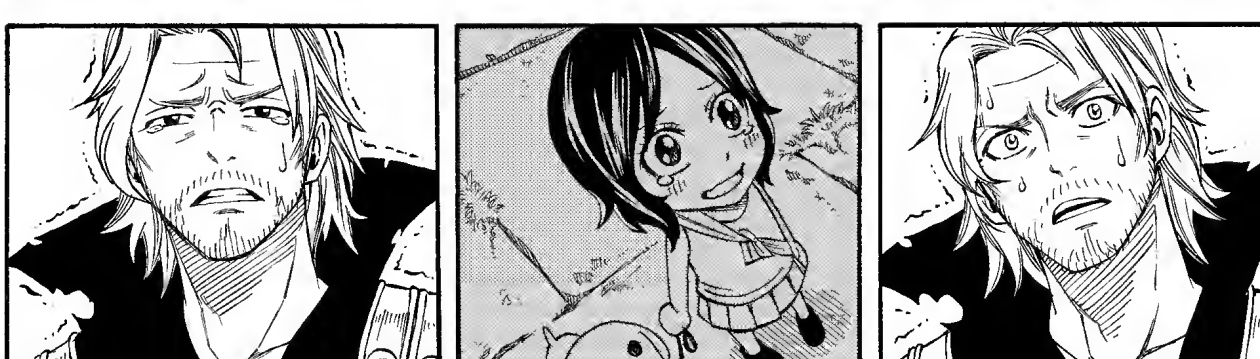
WHAAA ?!
MUM-BLE MUM-BLE
Emma...? Laila...? Jean...? Sidney...? Michelle...? Stephanie?
No!! No!! The hair's all wrong!!
Sara...? Naomi...? Clair...? Feena...? Marly...? Eliza?
Who was the mother ?!!
LISTEN, YOU !!!!
Why'd you have to be such a woman-izer ?!!!
Aww, man!! Now I'm pissed off!!!
I-I know!! Silvia, right?!
You look exactly alike!!!
You're both women!
How many women have you been with?!!
I'm not expecting us to suddenly be a family or anything, got it?!!
That's all I wanted to say!!!
W-Wait a second!
Anyway, that's the deal. That's all I came to say!!!

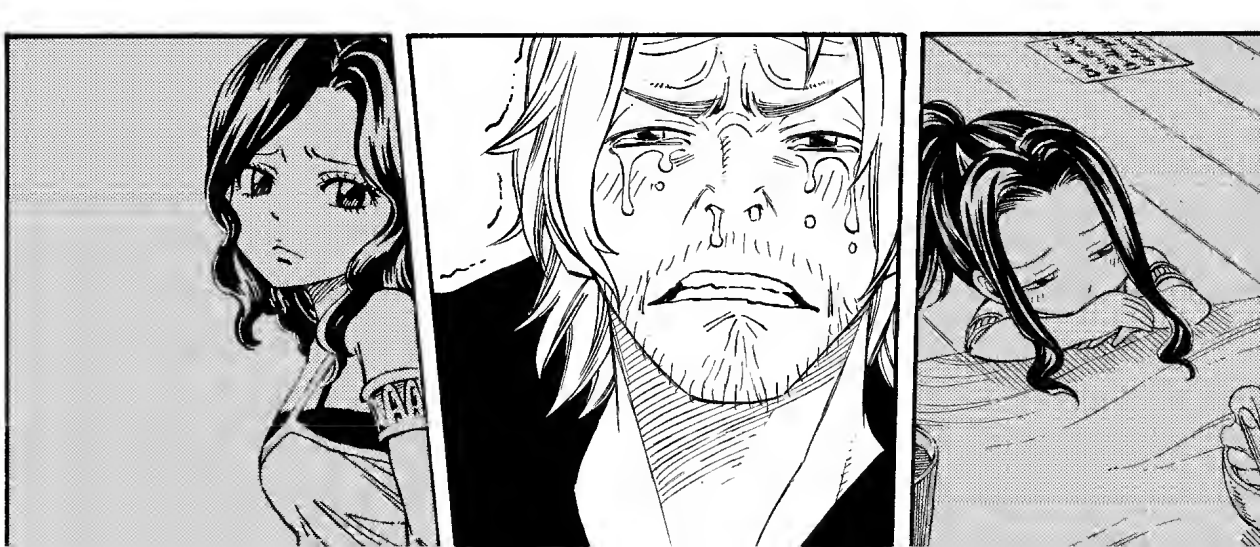
...
I mean, we can just keep on going like we always ...
You're Cornelia's girl.
I'm sure of it!

And then one thing led to another, and I wasn't able to until now.
It was hard to just come out and say it.
Why didn't you say anything?
Let me go.
I married Cornelia. I never remarried.
Cornelia was the only woman I ever loved.
I heard through the rumor mill that she had passed away, but...
She left me eighteen years ago, sick of the fact that all I ever did was work.
...never that she had a child...


Forgive me...
I never realized...
It's okay. I did everything I could to keep it a secret.
SST
So I had a little girl...
...and she was always so close...
It may cause you problems now, but it sure is a relief to get it off my chest.
We can be like we always were.
Stop that! I'm not here to say, "Do your duty," or anything.
But...
...could I say it just once?

I'm happy I met you...
...Father.





Cana !!!!
HUG
GRIP
I'll make sure you're never lonely again!!!
Never again !!!!
From now on, when I go on a job, or when I go drinking...
...it'll always be with you...
What I'm saying is...
Don't you think that'd be a little stifling?

Would you give me permission to love you?

"Father"... huh?
WHAAA?!
After I get back, maybe I'll go visit him. It's been a long time.
We were there, basking in the warm sunlight.
That Dec. 16, X784 ...
FWO
On Sirius Island ...

...when suddenly, our doom arrived.

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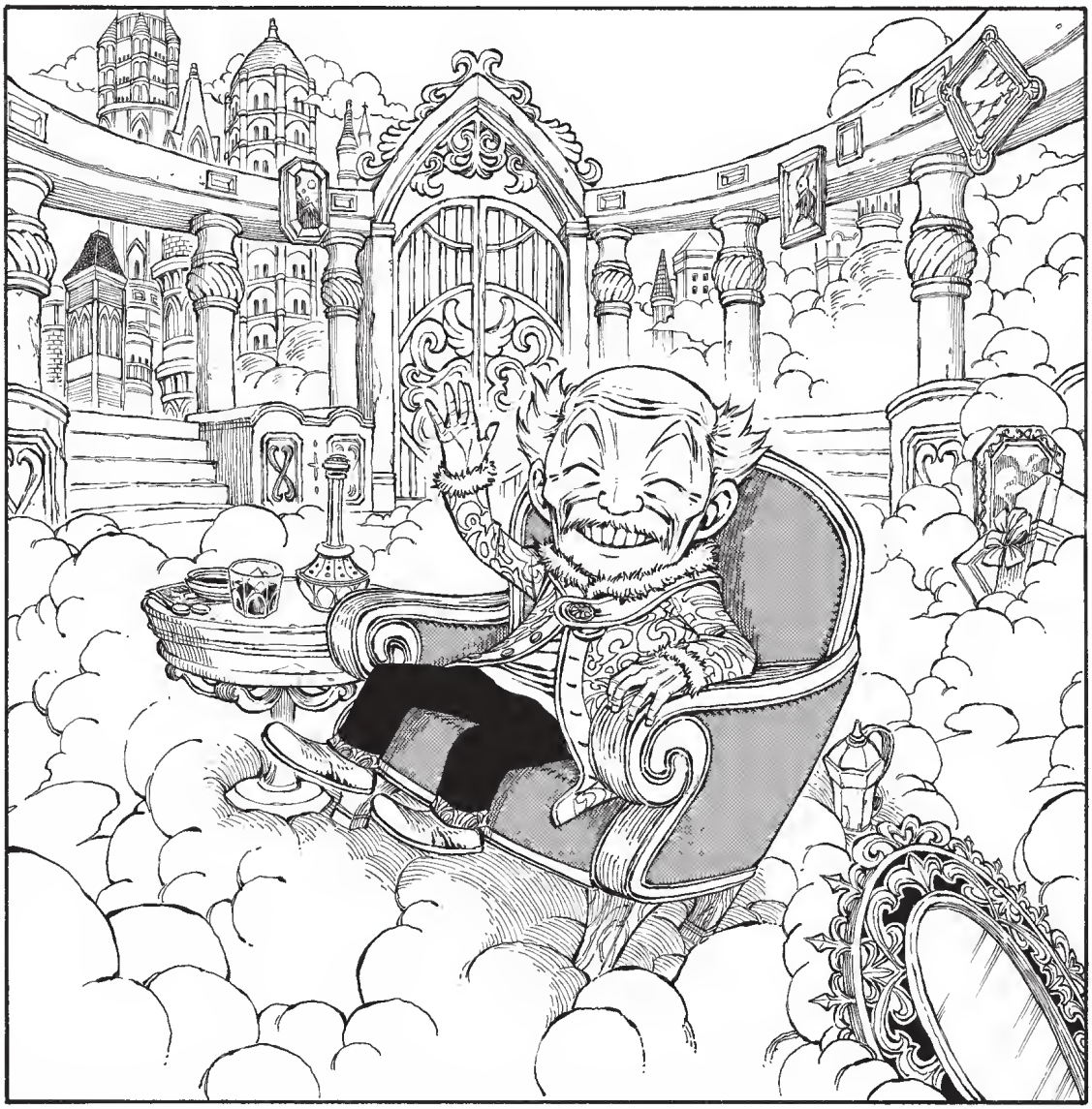
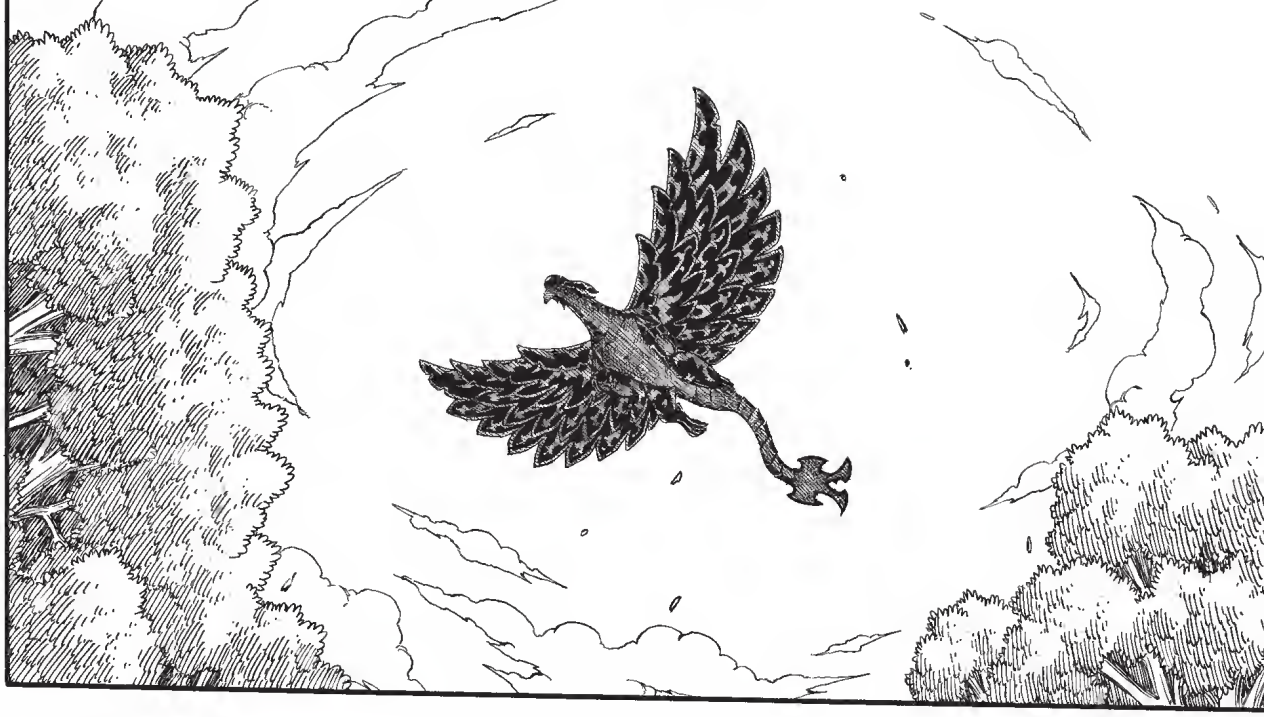
Chapter 252: To You Prideful Brats



I know this feeling ...
HUG
OW!

ROAAAR
What the...?
That voice...
It's too loud!
What's that?
Eeek!
...
A dragon ?!!
Wha?
It's the roar of a dragon...
?!
There it is!!
It's the same as it was that day...
...
THROB
THROB
You're back!
Is everybody okay?
It's really loud!



What's ...going on...?

...a dragon?!

This is...

It's huge!

What is it?!

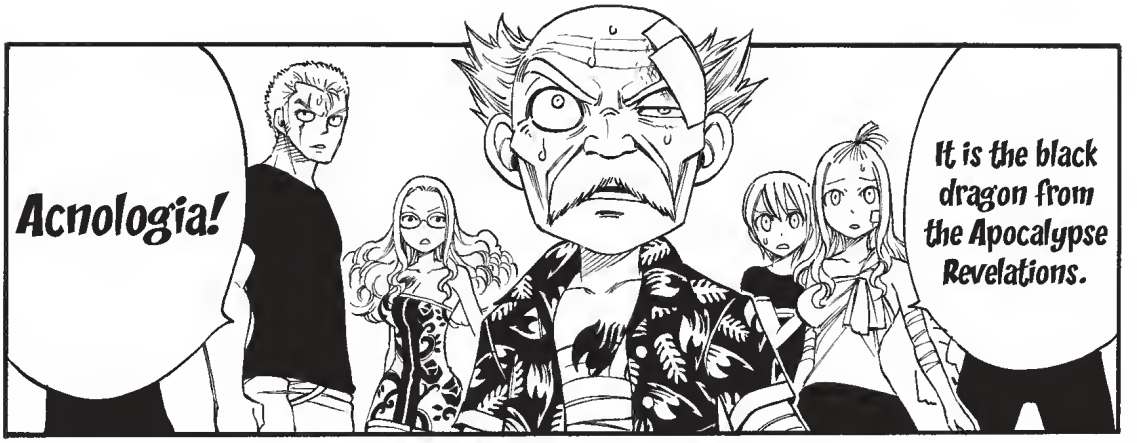
SHUDDER

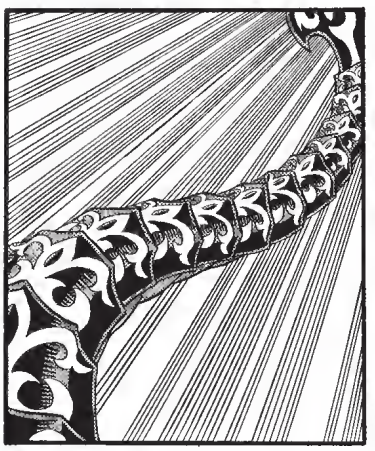
I knew it...

The dragons are still alive!

It's a real dragon...

You gotta be kidding me!


Acnologia!
It is the black dragon from the Apocalypse Revelations.



Also Grandeeney and Metalicana too!!
Stop that, Natsu !!
Listen, you! If you know where Igneel is right now, you'd better tell me!!!

ゴレギニ
GAWHOOM

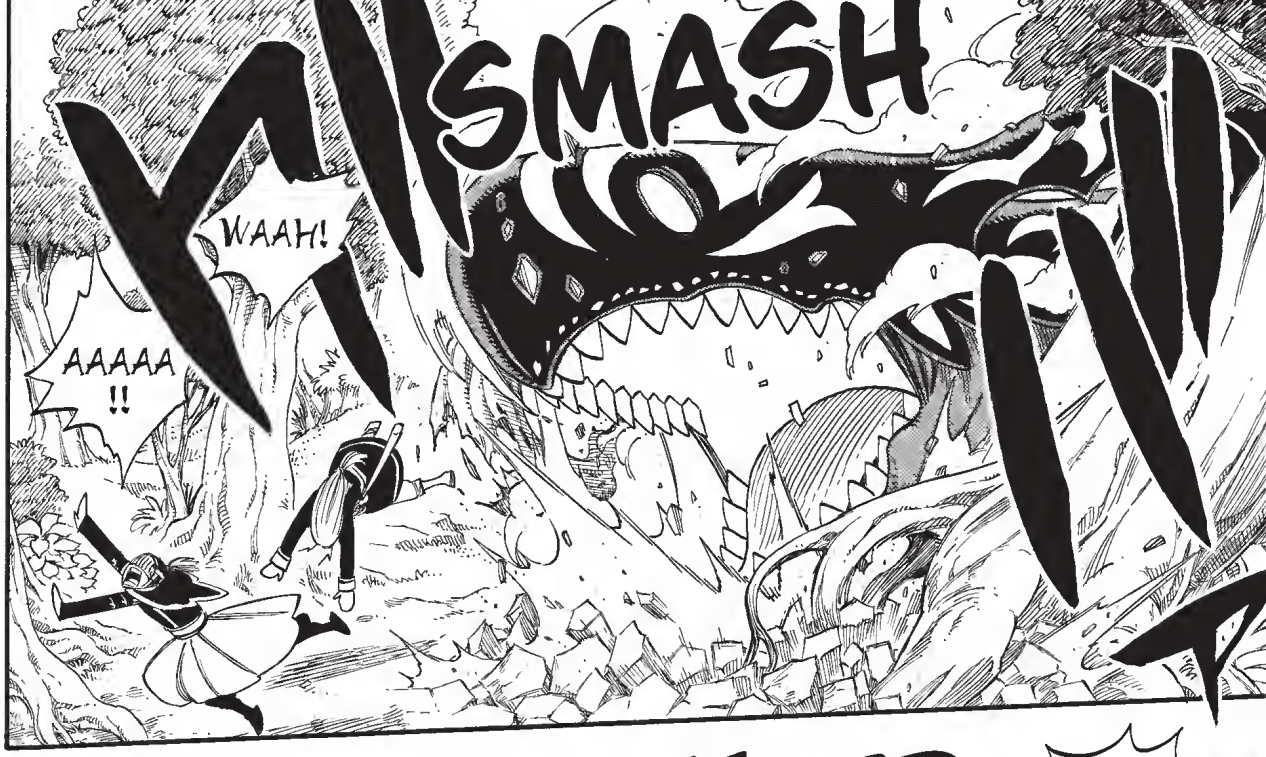
It's coming down!!!

HROAT
AHHH

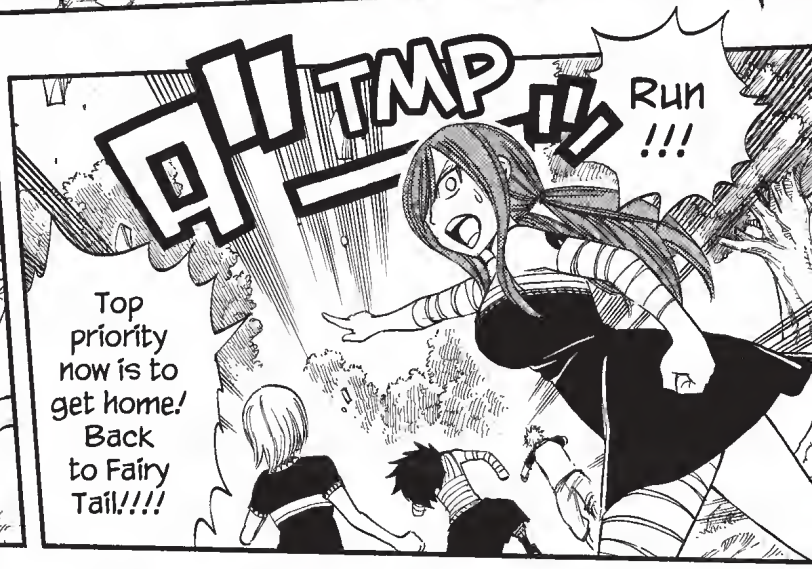
ハロー
ハロー
ハロー
ハロー

Run !!!!
WHOOSH !!!!

You gotta be kidding!
I've never seen destructive power like that!!!
What's going on here...?!
What is this...?!
We gotta hurry back to the ship !!!
KA BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM BAM BAM
GAWHOOM


SMASH
WAAH!
AAAAA !!

Wendy!!! I thought you could talk to dragons!
Can't you try now?!!

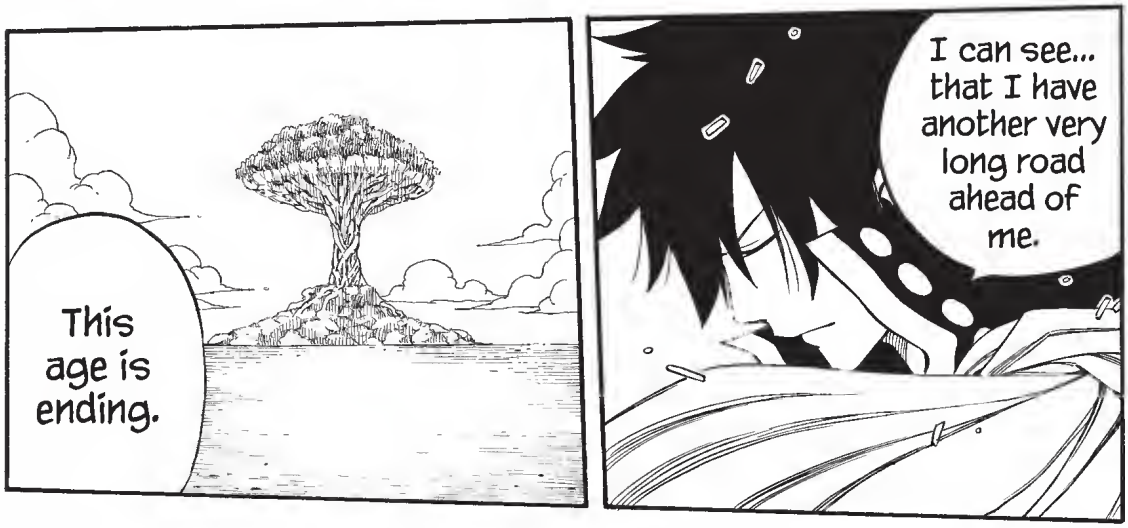

TMP
Run !!!
Top priority now is to get home! Back to Fairy Tail!!!!

This dragon should be able to understand human language, too!
DWOOOM

It isn't just me!! All dragons have really high intelligence!

It ignores human words...
...because it thinks of humans as we think of insects.
Its attitude is the same.
Humans don't bother to talk to bugs.

Humanity is about to learn that lesson.
This world has enemies that cannot be opposed.
Similarly, there is no one who expends all his power simply to kill a bug.


This age is ending.
I can see... that I have another very long road ahead of me.

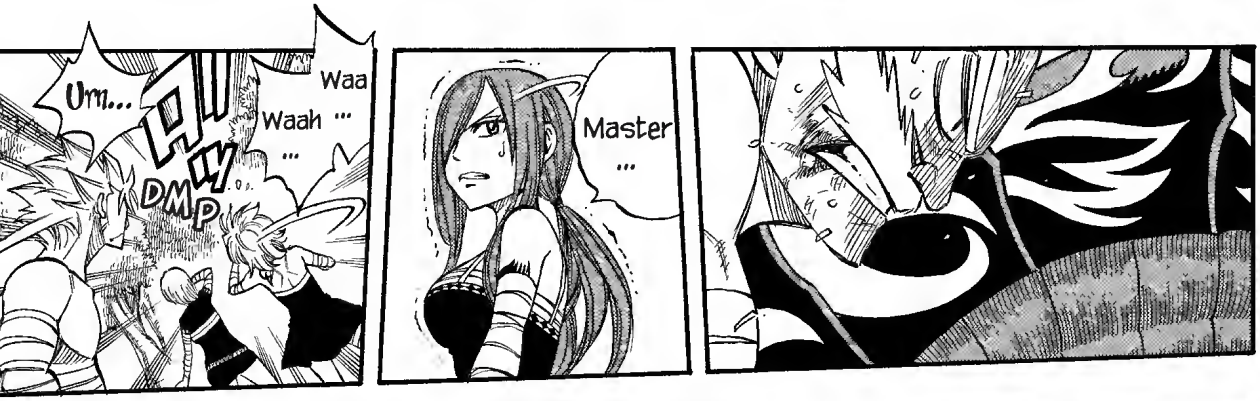
Natsu.
Farewell ...

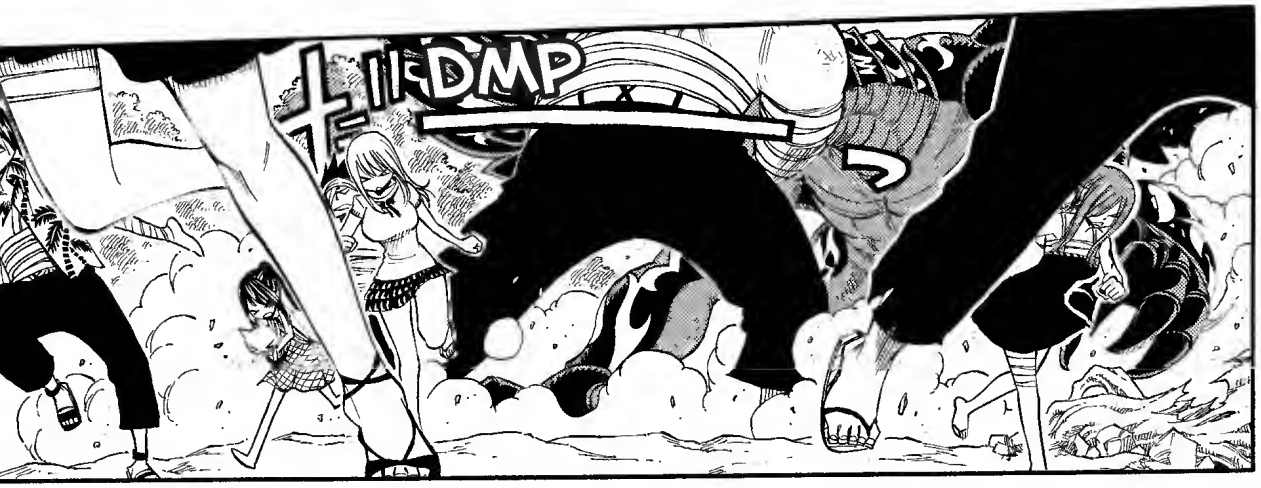
Listen, you!!
Gah!
UNF!
Ugh!
WHAM
BAM
SLAM
SHIKK
Run to the ship!
KOFF
Master !!!
Old man !!!

ATTACK
BACK
We'll tear it apart!!!
We can enter this fight too!
!!!
110
ZLITCH
Run!
Master!! Please stop!!!
He can't stand up to something like that!!!
KOFF

You damn brats !!!!
Can't you follow your master's orders just this one last time?!!!
If that thing needs an enemy, then I...
I'm the dragon slayer here!!!!
"Last time" ...?
We're running, Natsu !!!
GRAB
UNGAH!

Laxus!!!!
You...


Waa
Waah ...
...
Um...
DMP
Master
...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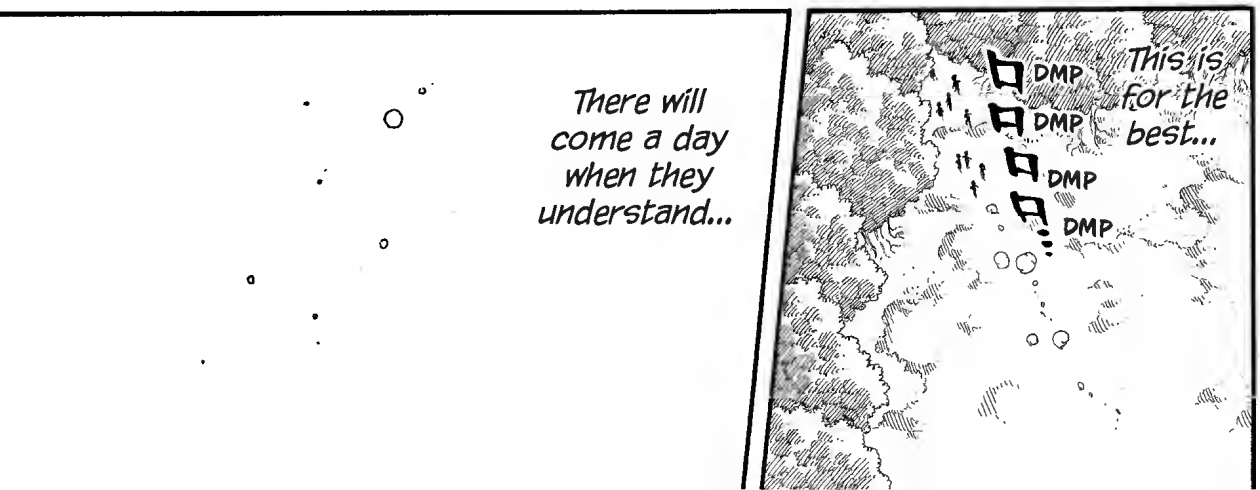
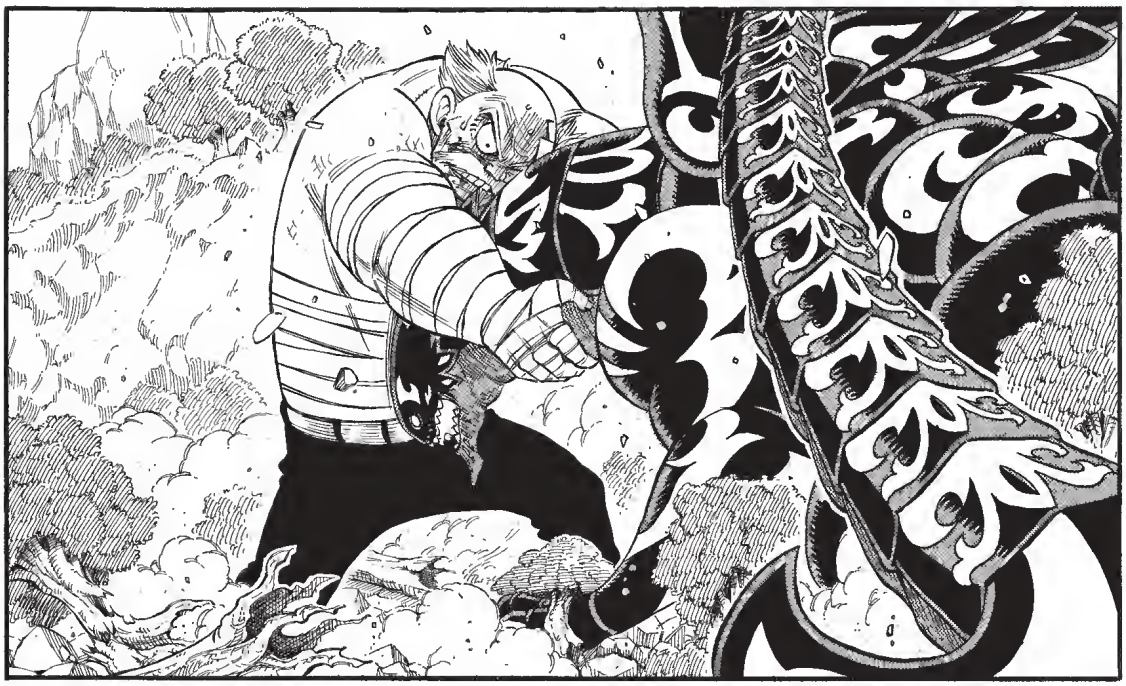

There will come a day when they understand...
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
This is for the best...

Do people die because of sadness?
Are we sad because people die?
Tears mean little in themselves!
You prideful brats!
The answer to those questions can only be found in each of your hearts.
Live on!!!!
Into the future !!!!



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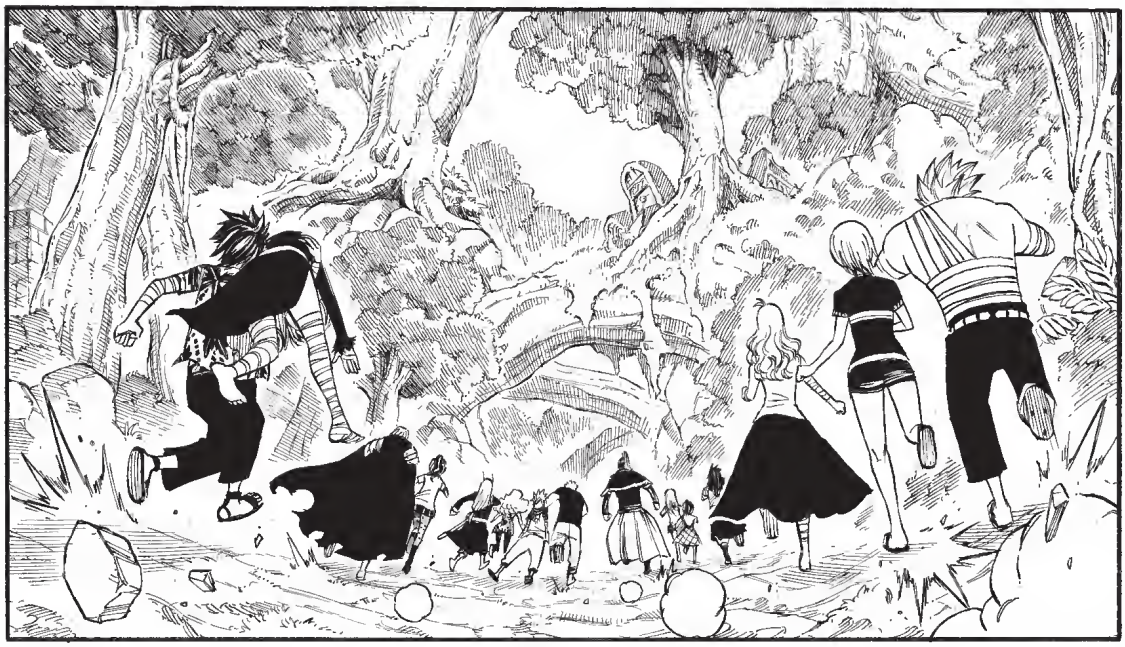
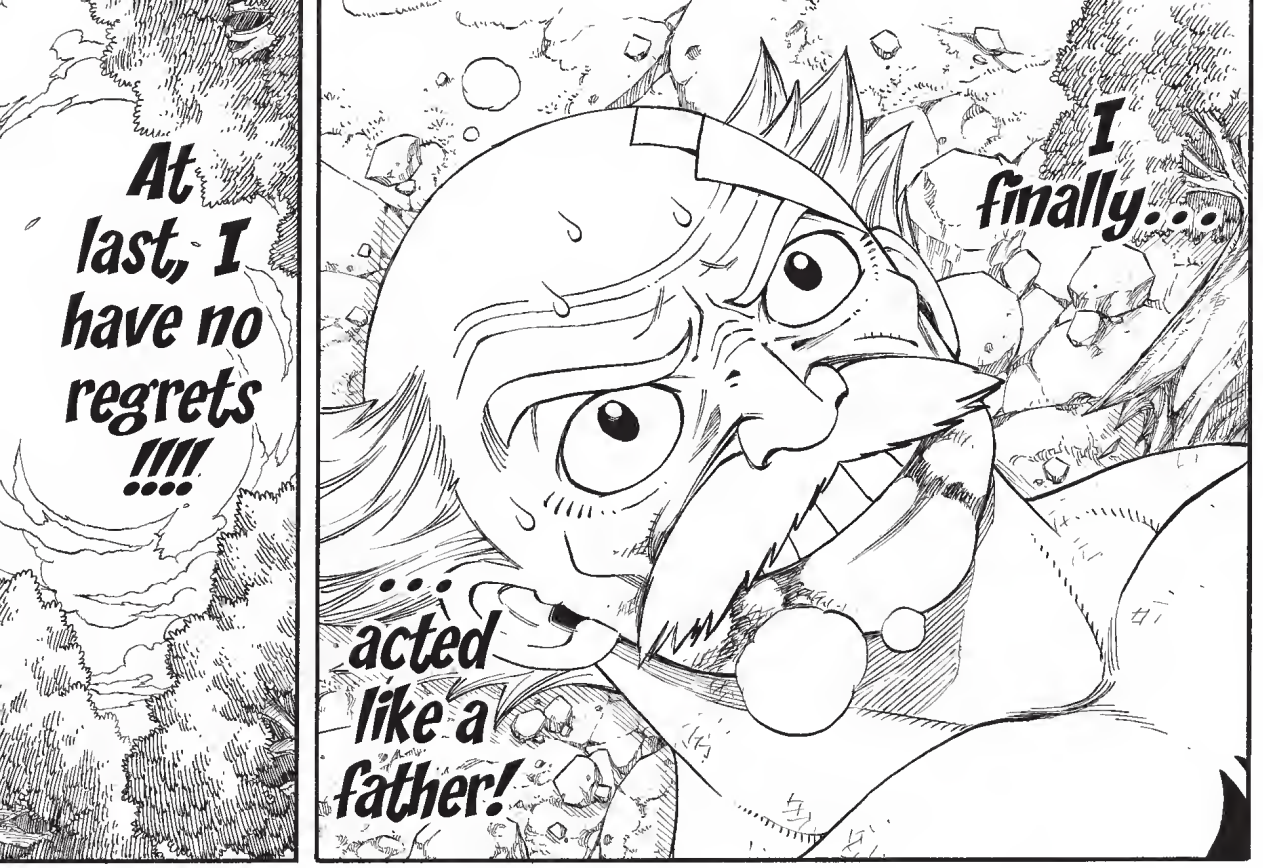
Chapter 253: Let's Join Hands

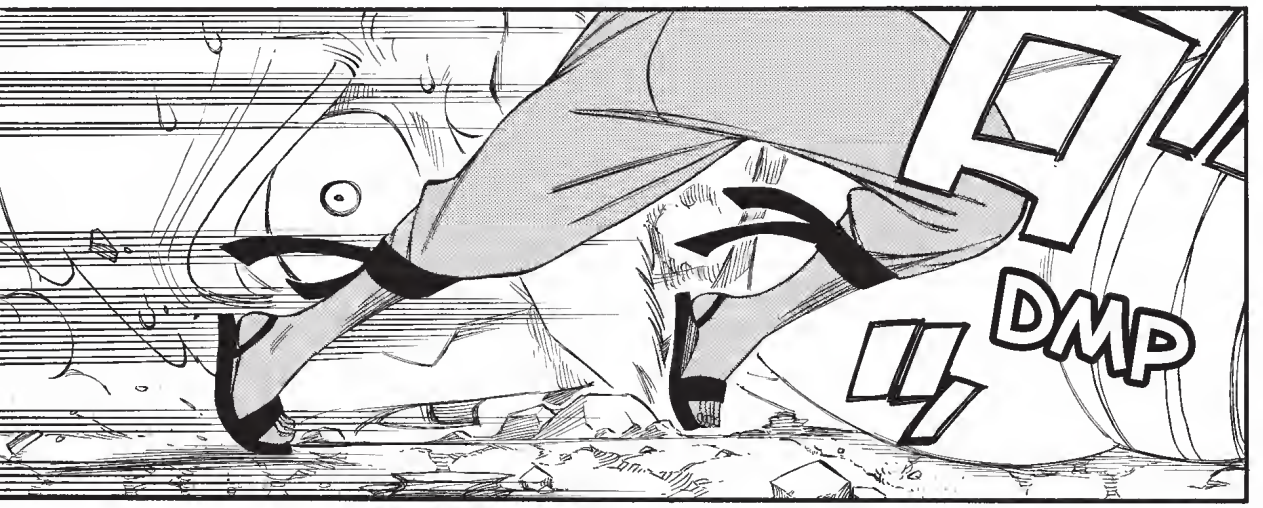


I don't know what you're here for...
GRRNN
...but I'm not going to let you take one more step!!!!
WHOM

GRATCH
Because those are my kids behind me!!!!
RRRRR
GWAM
URG!!
ROLL

GA
WHOOM
HEH
WAAAAAHHH!!!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRACKLE
KRAK
KRAK
CRACKLE
GAH!
GRAHHH!


At last, I have no regrets !!!!
I finally...
...acted like a father!


DMP

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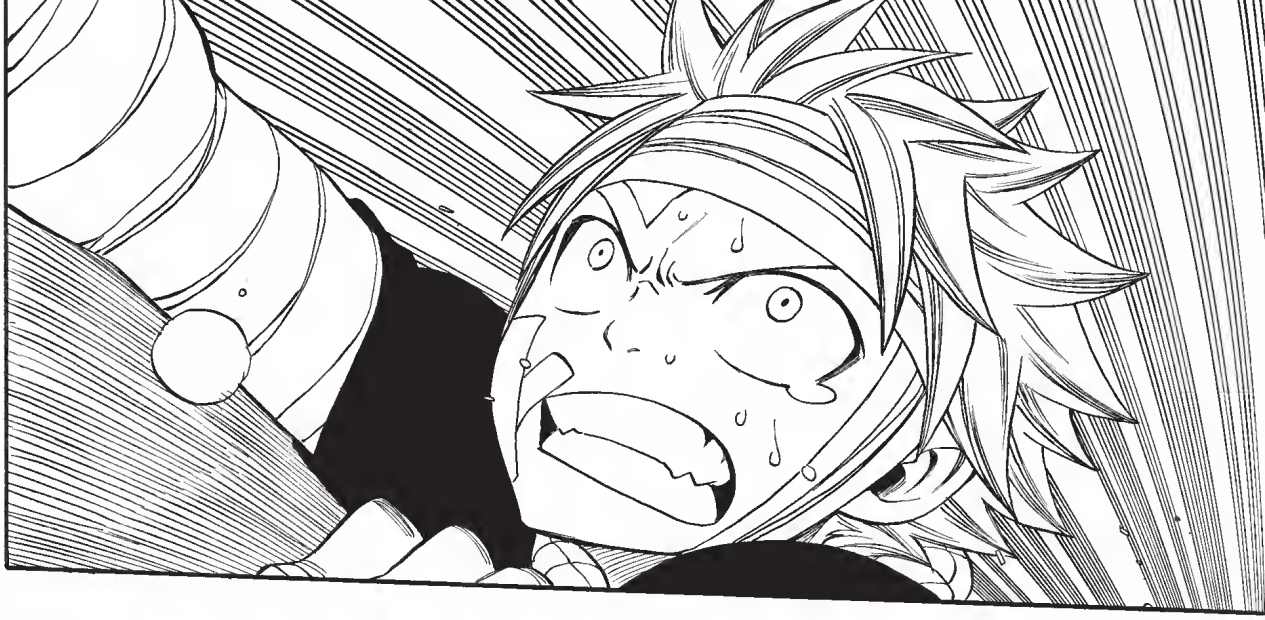
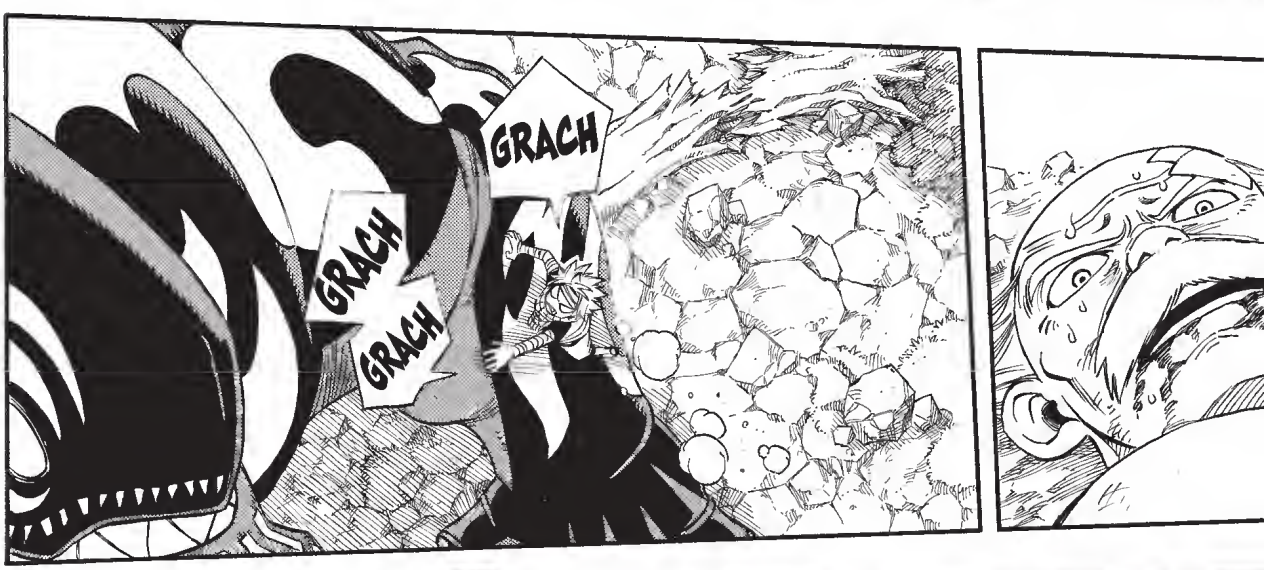
SKRICHA
SKRICHA




GRACH
GRACH
GRACH

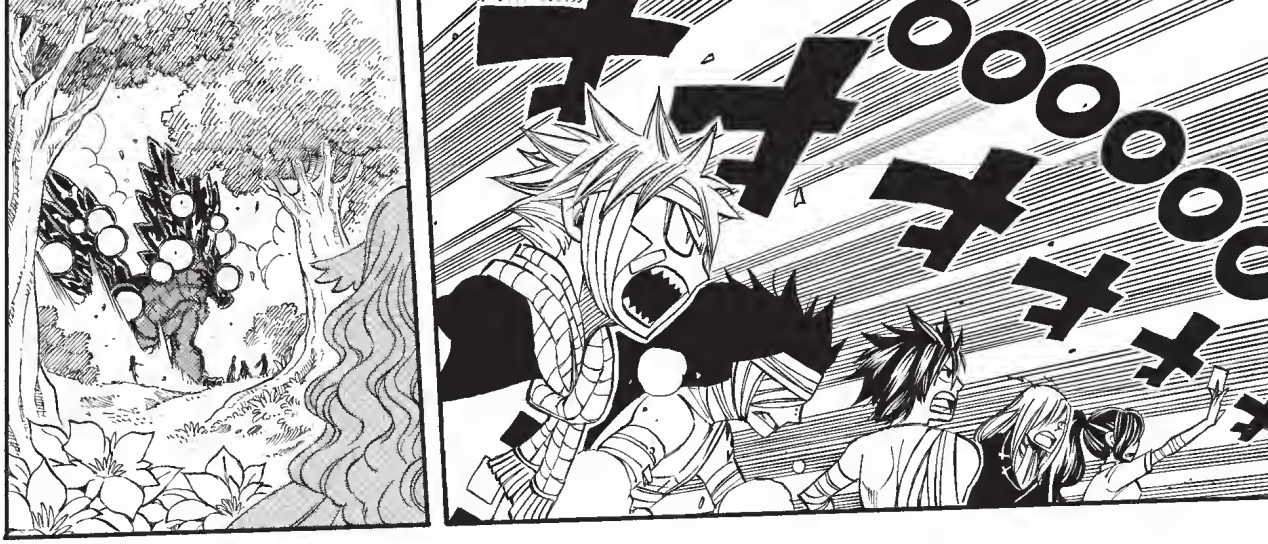
GRASH
GRASH
GRASH
GRASH
FWOOOHH

Give us back our old man...

Attack!!!!

Natsu...

You...
I was against this plan.
But ...
...leaving an old man behind while they run isn't what they do.
This guild of yours...
Those idiots...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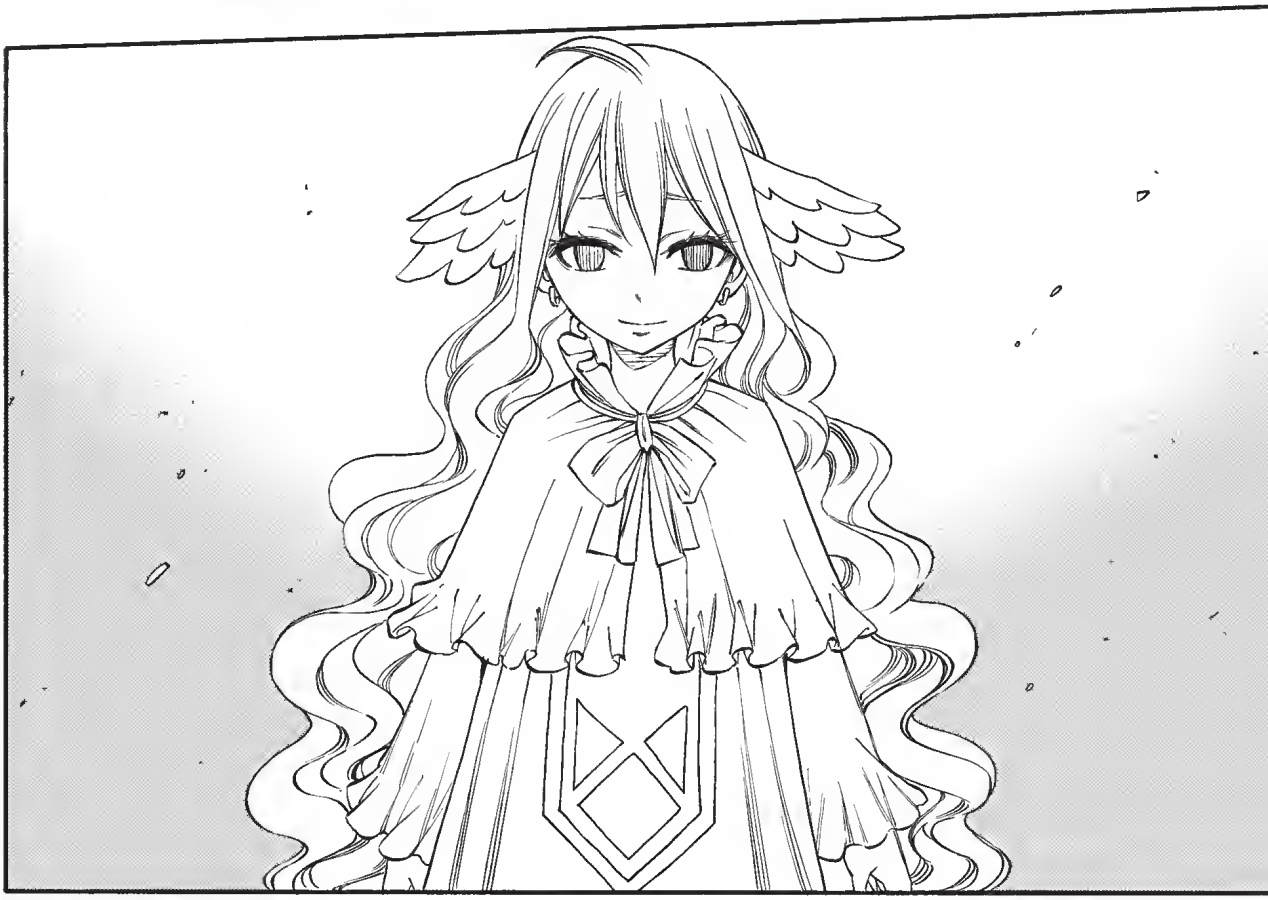
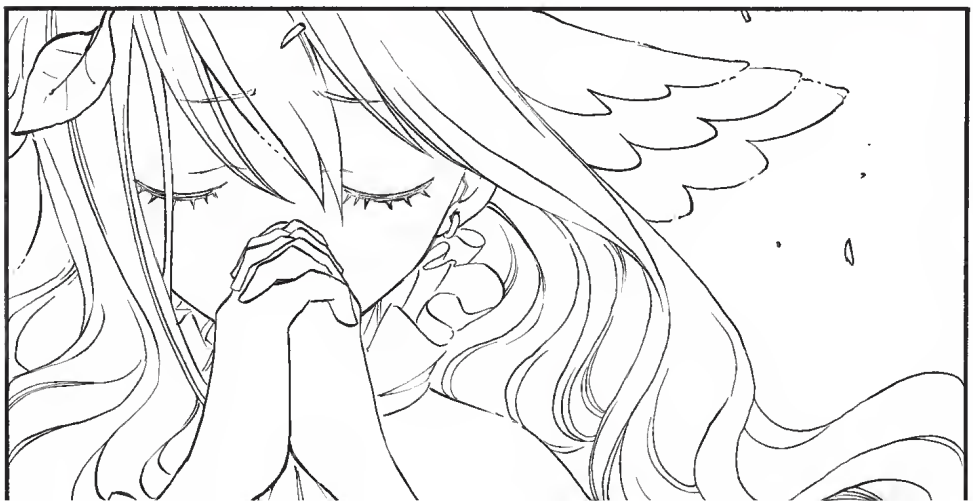
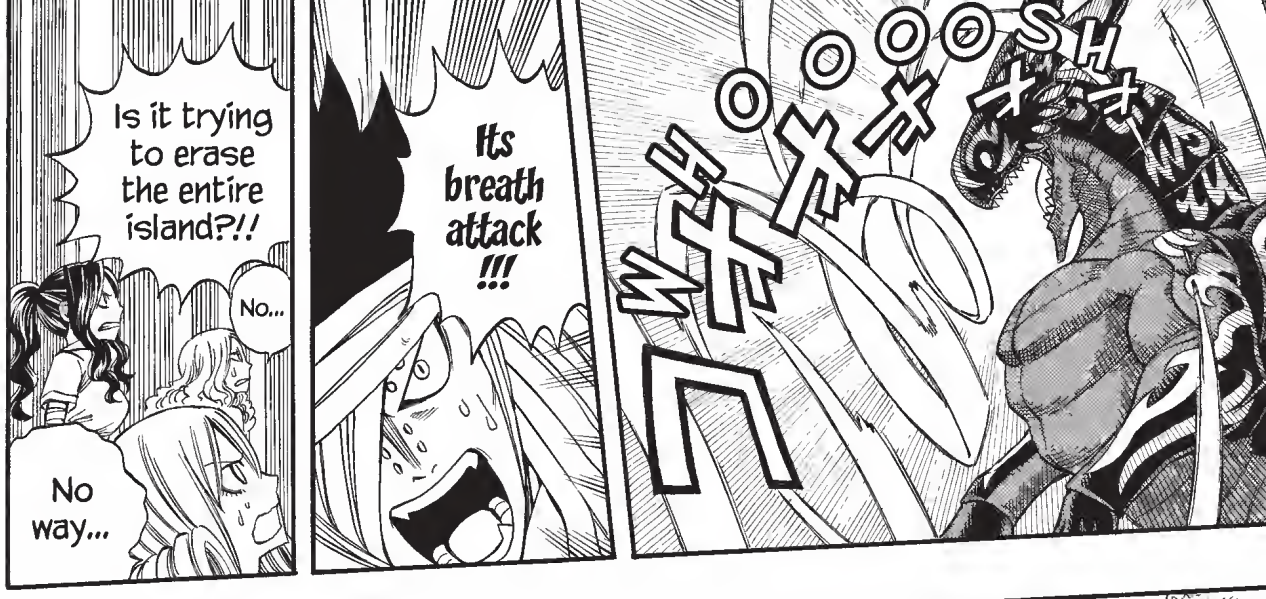
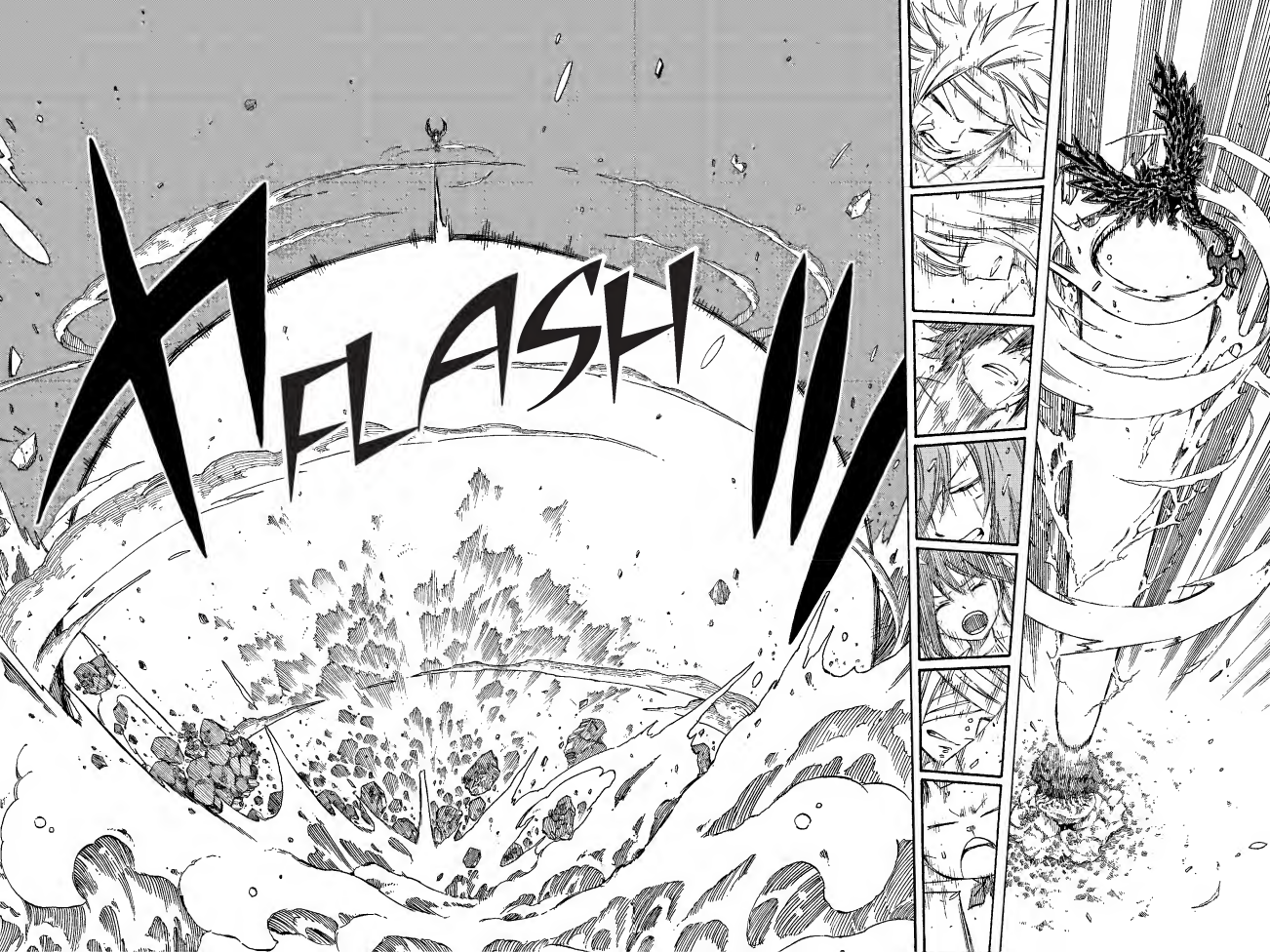




KAWHOM
It's not even... fighting as hard as it did when it beat me...
It's just toying with us.
Dam-mit!
Are you all right?
Our attacks don't have any effect!
THAM
Wah!!
Yaa!!
THWAM
We can't count on that!
Could it be going home, maybe?
It's flying !!!
WHOOSH
FLAFF


Is it trying to erase the entire island?!!
No...
No way...
Its breath attack !!!
SHOOO

Let's all go home together ...
...to Fairy Tail!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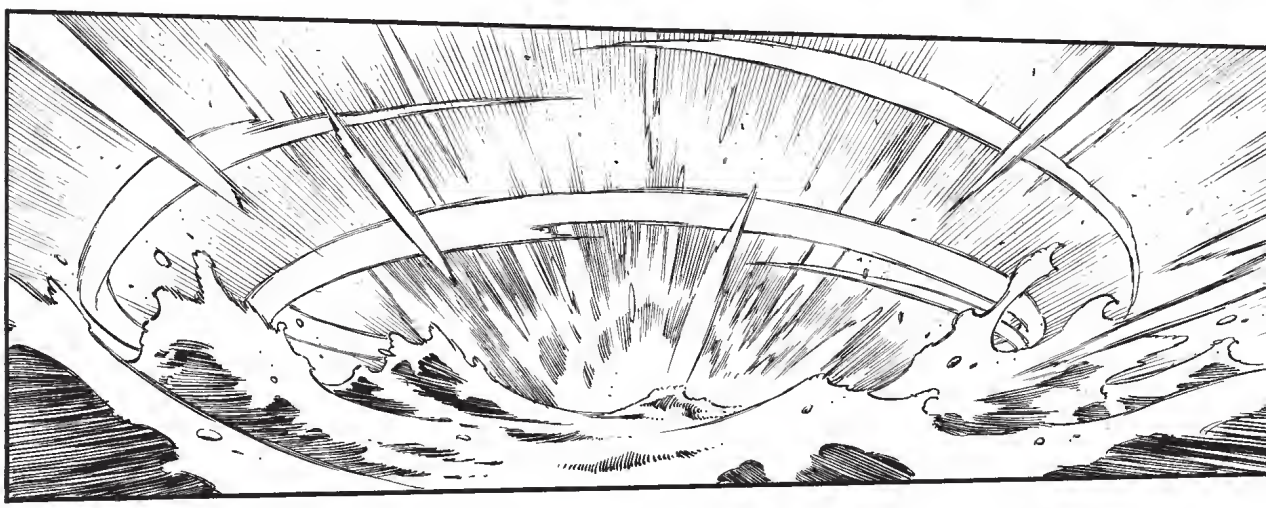
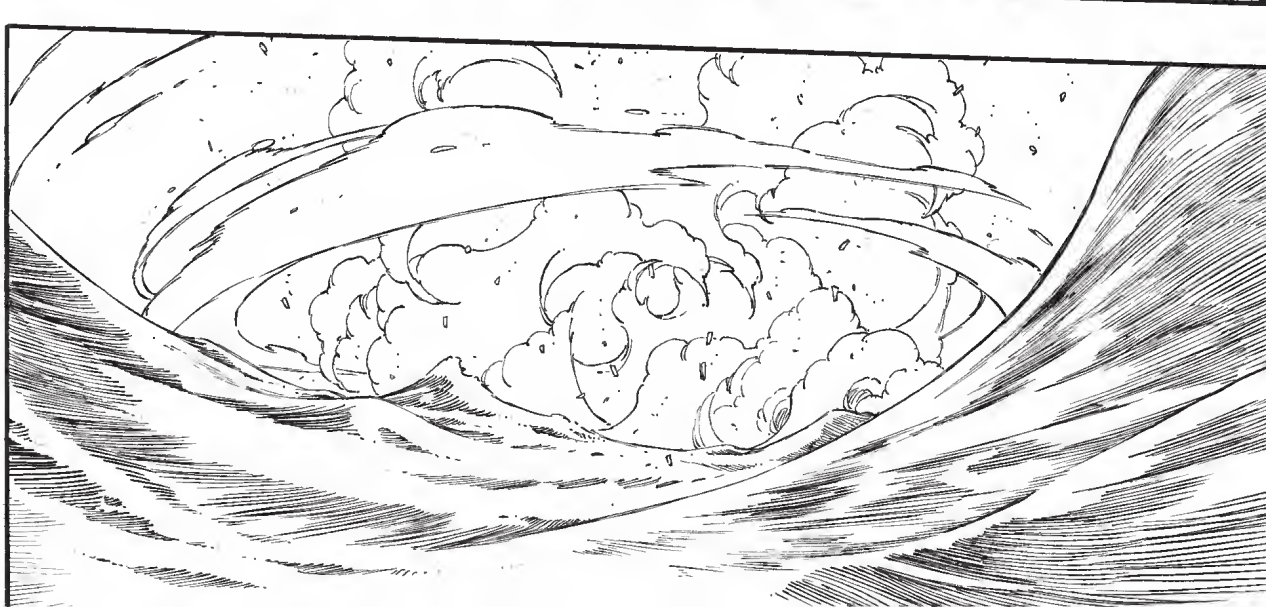
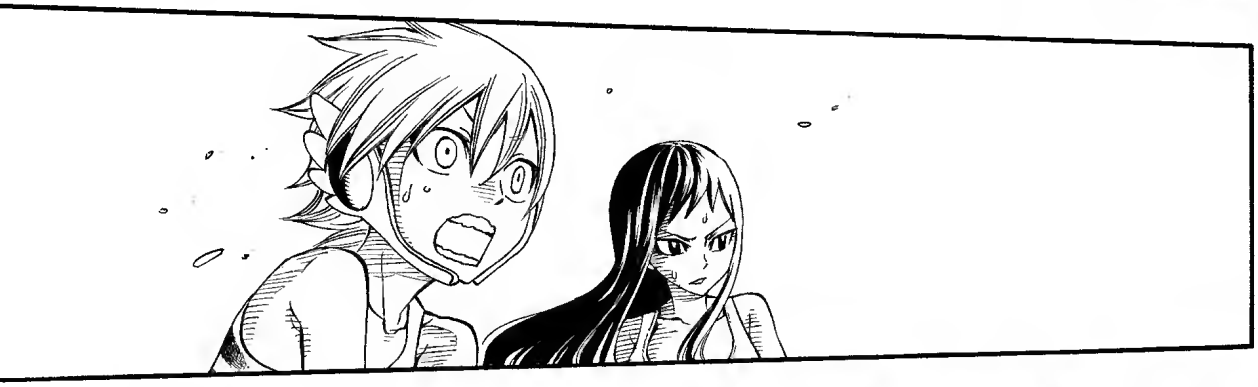
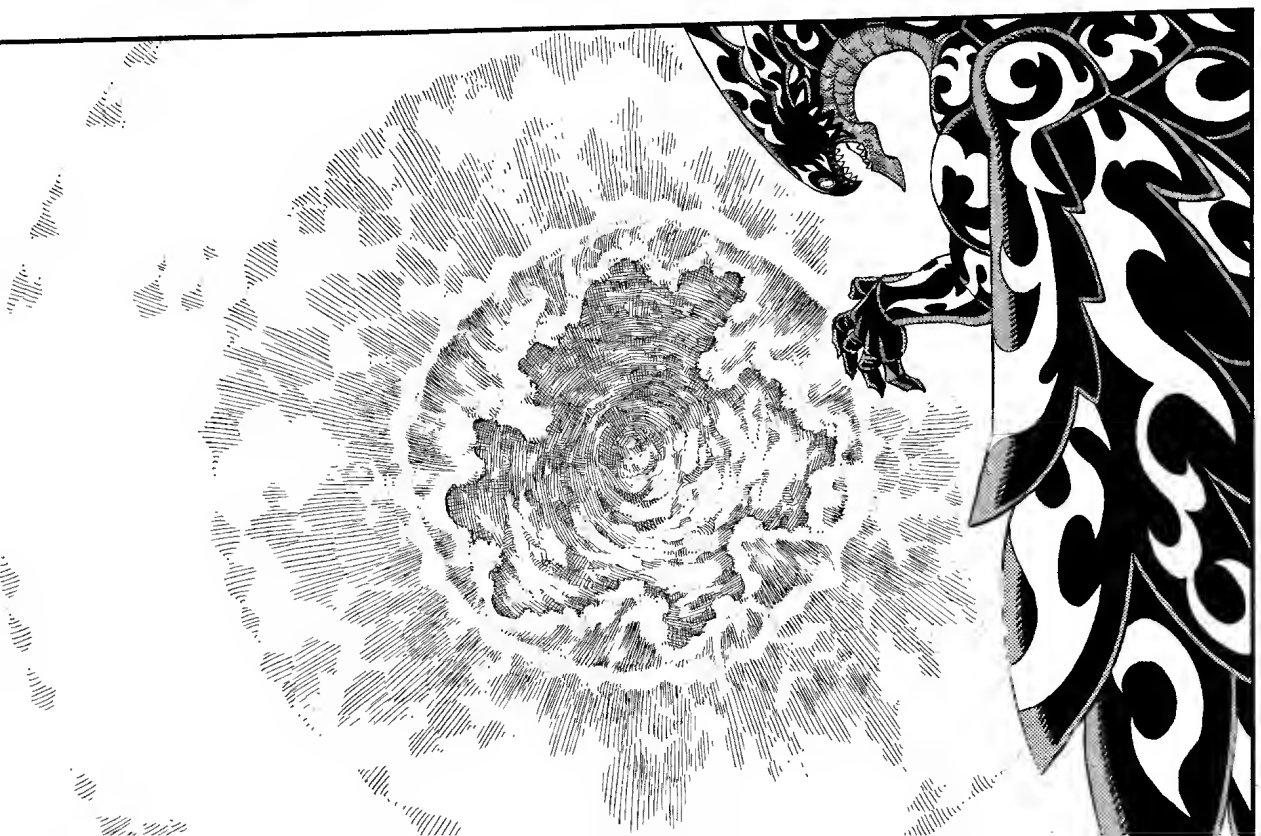
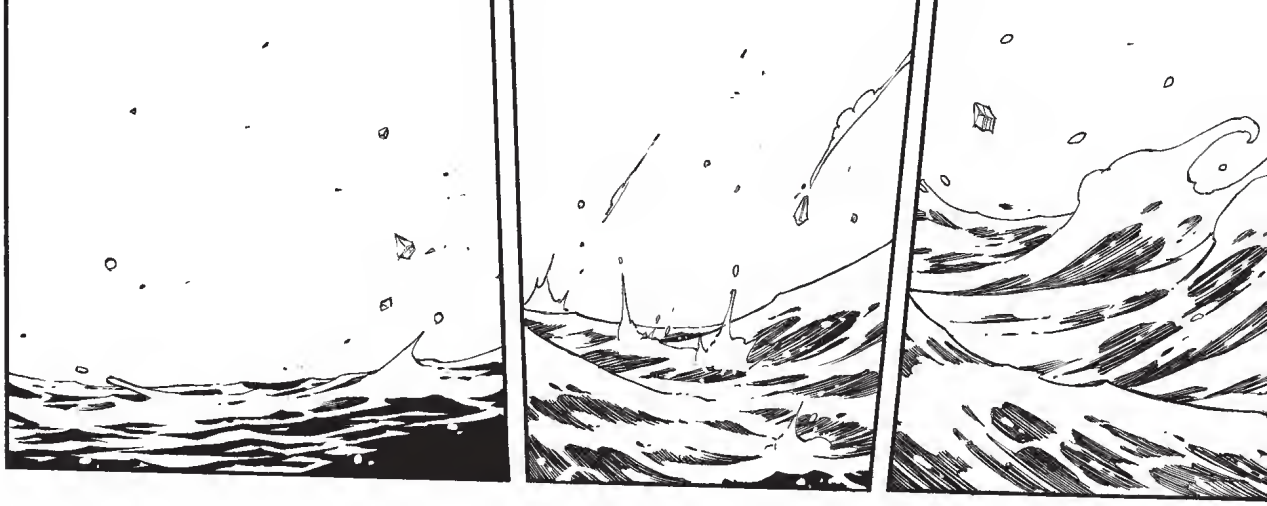


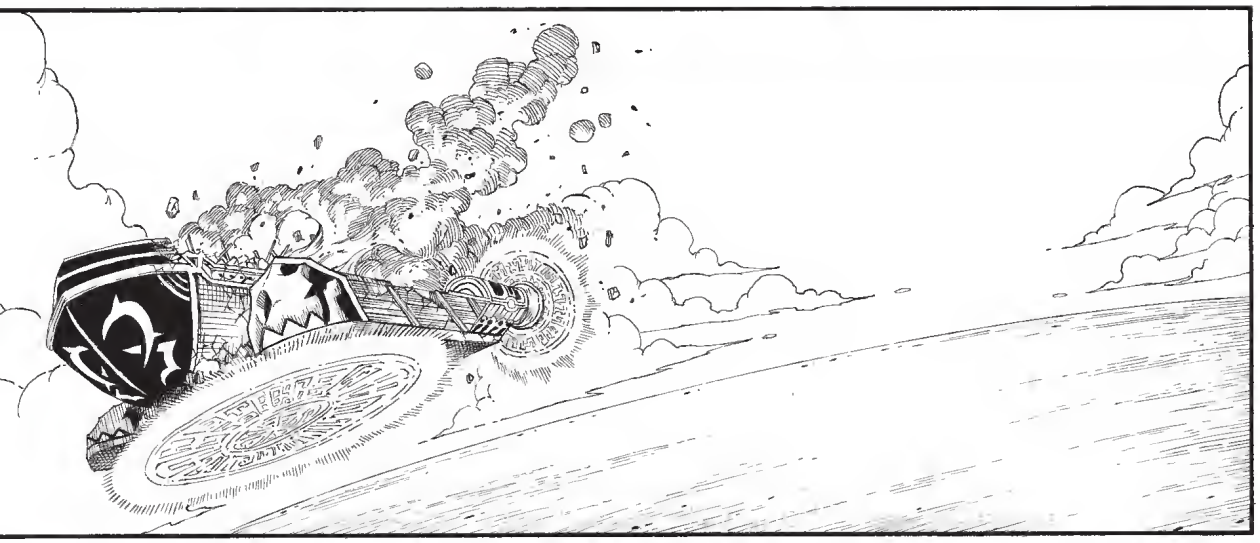






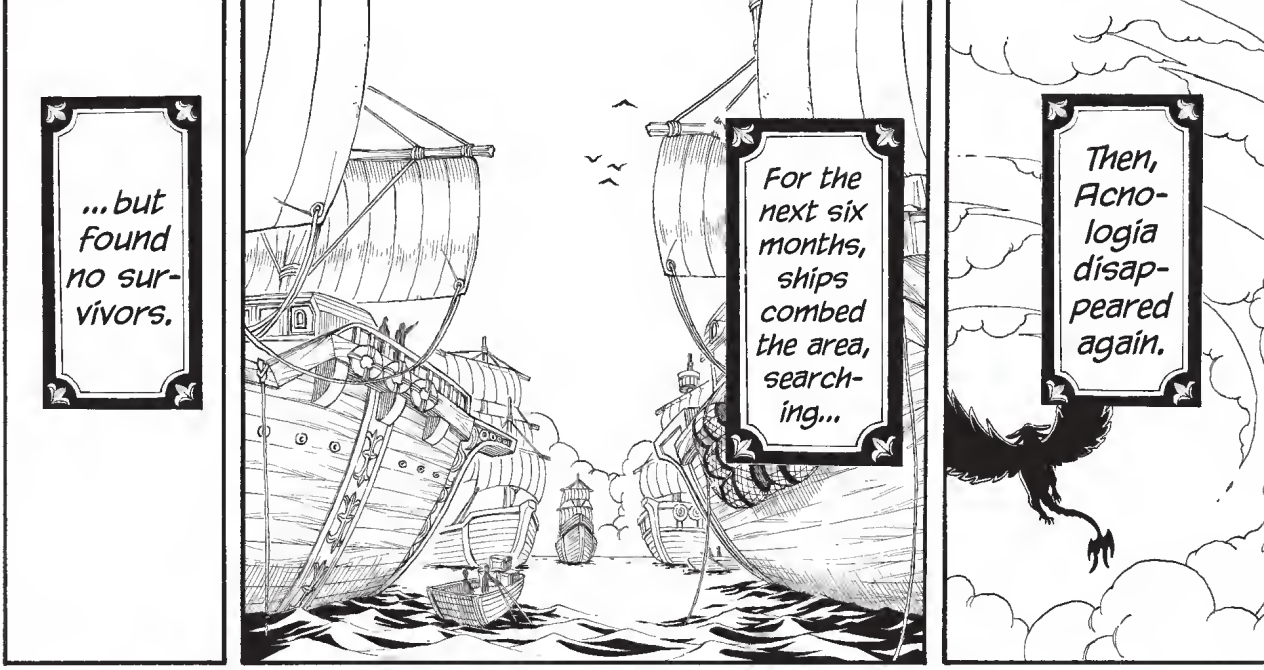


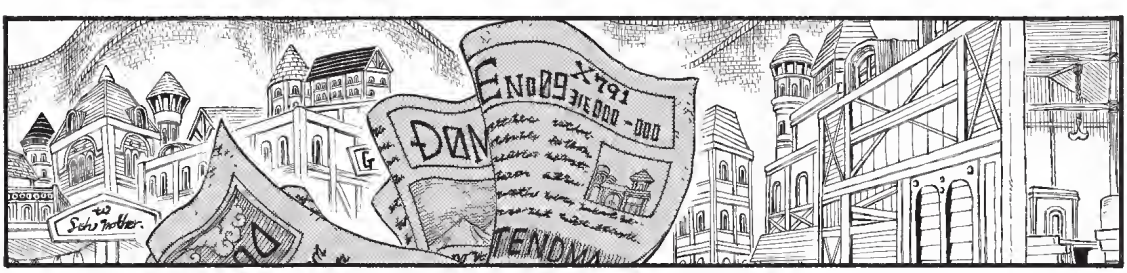
SHHHHP

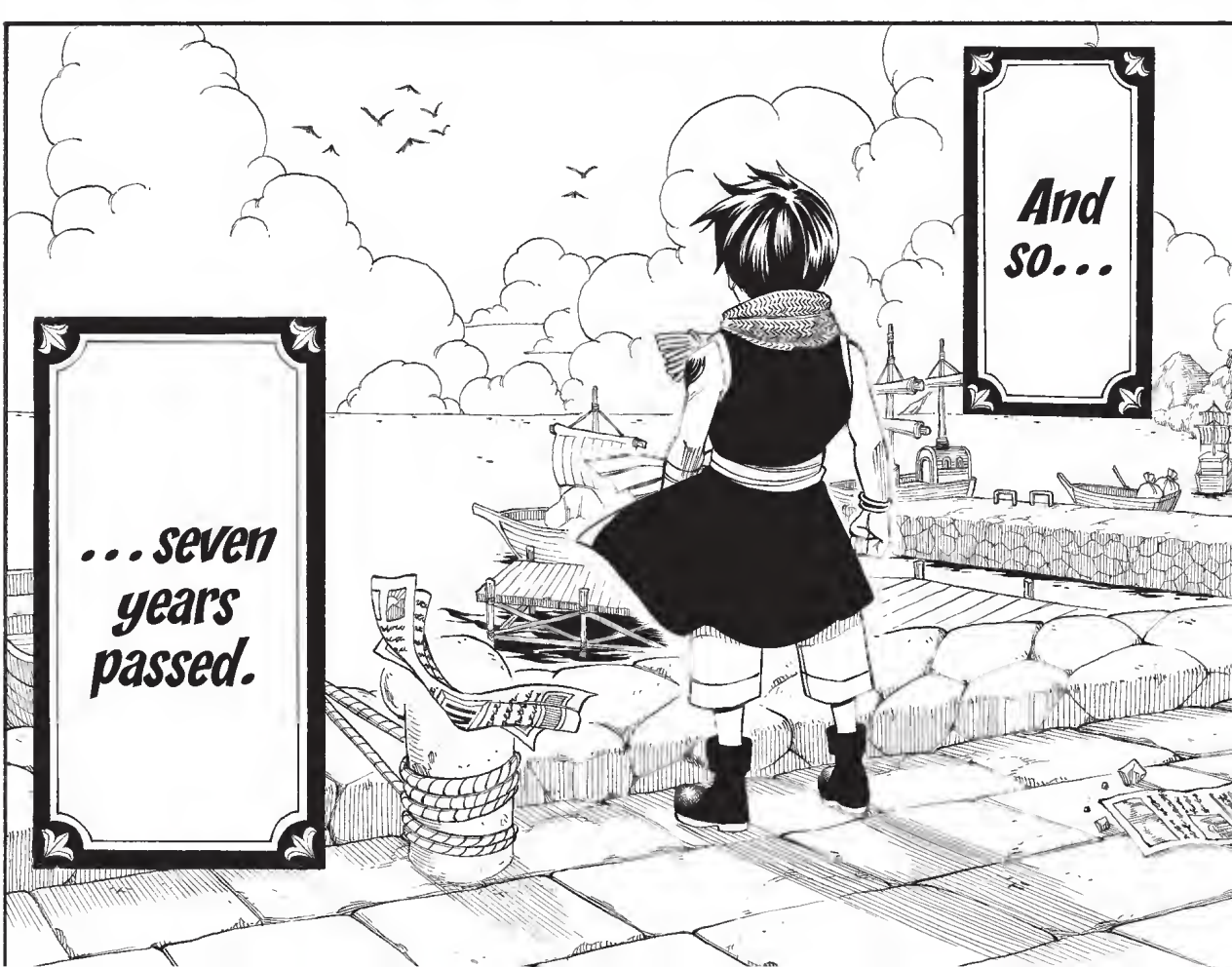


On December 16 in the year X784...

...Sirius Island was annihilated by Acnologia.


...but found no survivors.
For the next six months, ships combed the area, searching...
Then, Acnologia disappeared again.

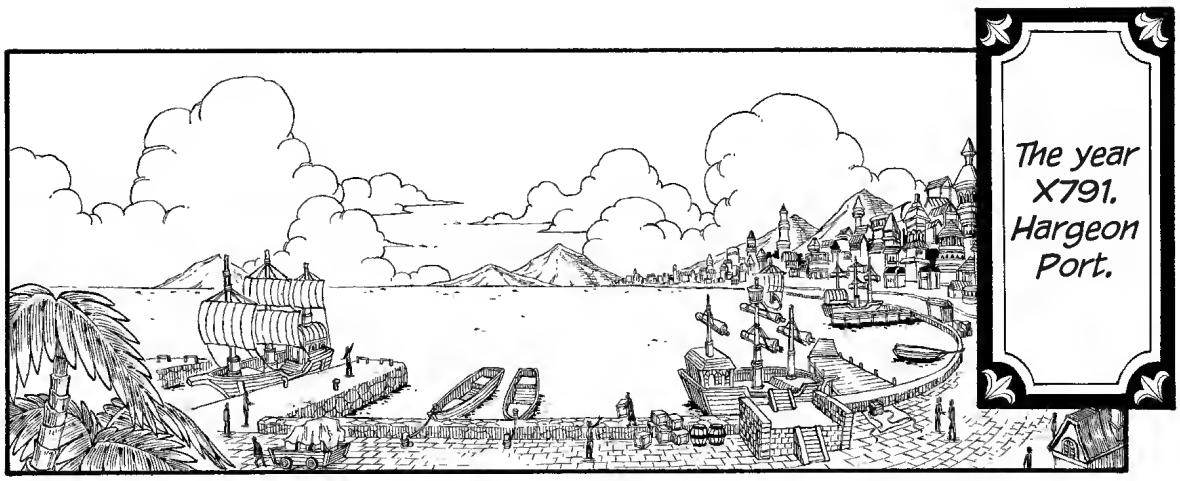



...seven years passed.
And so...

FAIRY TAIL

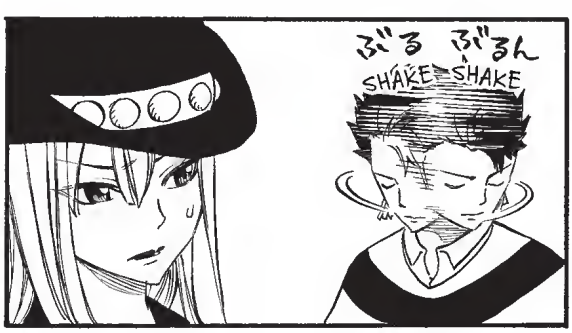
Chapter 254:
Fairy Tail, X791

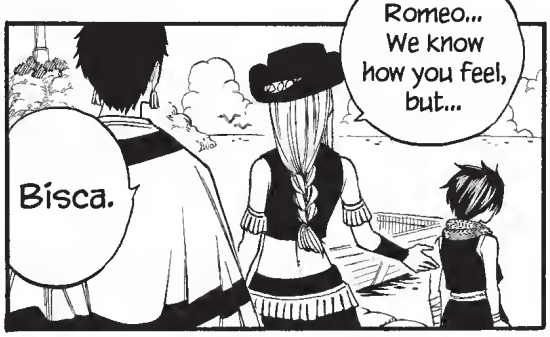
Hiro Mashima

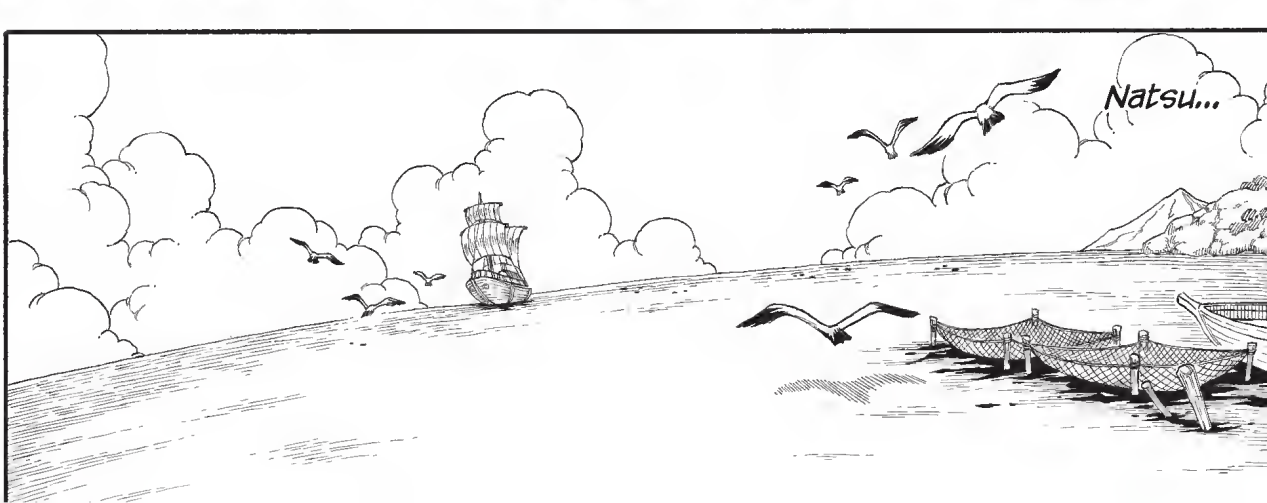

The year X791. Hargeon Port.

Our job is done. Let's go back to the guild.
How long are you going to stare at the sea?
Sigh ...
C'mon, already ...
Macao asked us to look after you...
... Romeo.
If we don't get back soon, your dad will start to worry.
FAIRY TAIL
BISCA CONNEL
FAIRY TAIL
ALZACK CONNEL

Yeah...
FAIRY TAIL
ROMEO CONBOLT

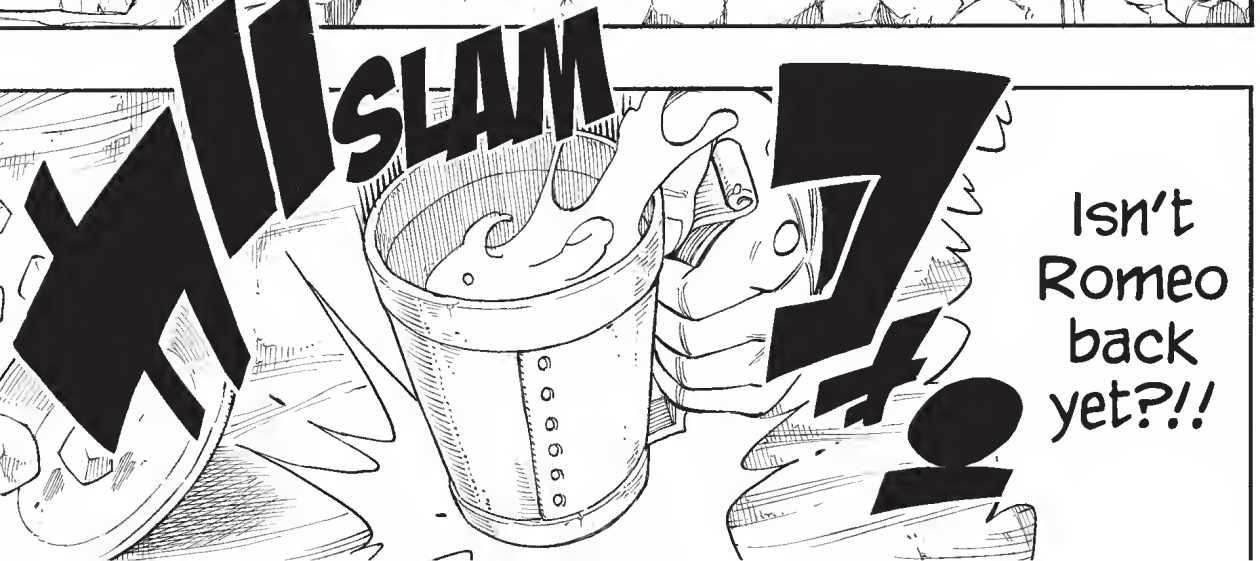

ぶる ぶるん
SHAKE SHAKE

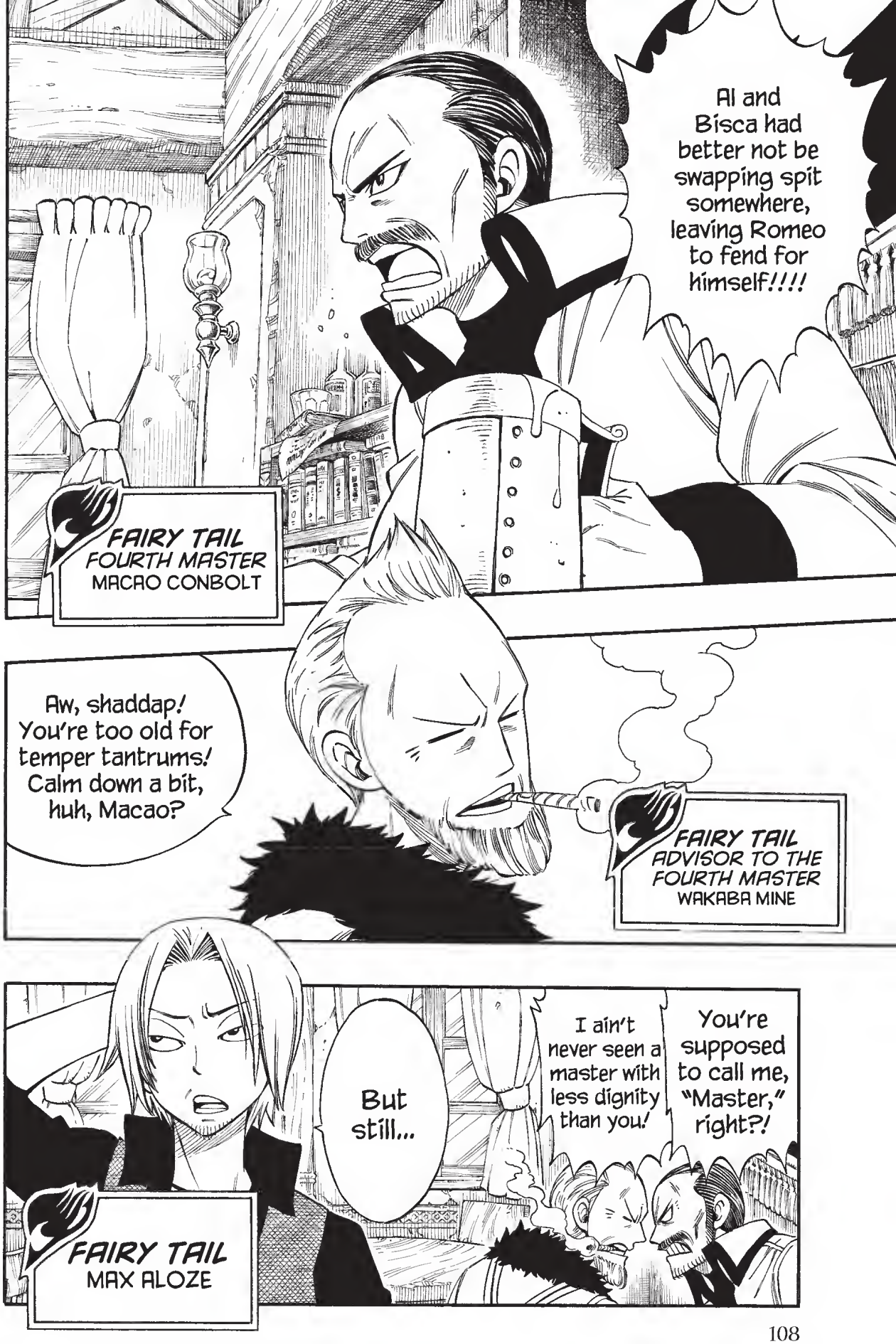

Romeo... We know how you feel, but...
Bisca.


Natsu...

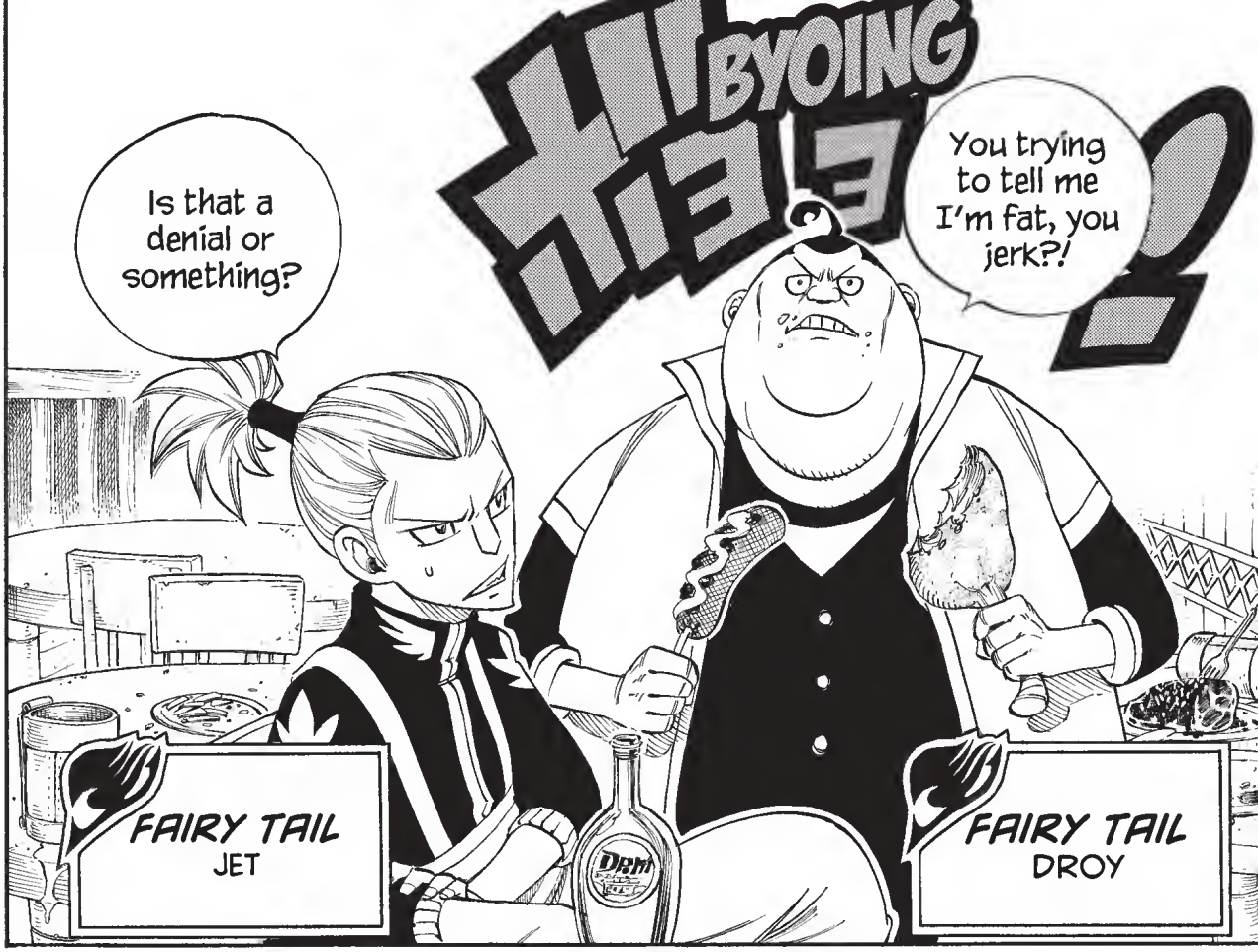
Mag-
nolia.

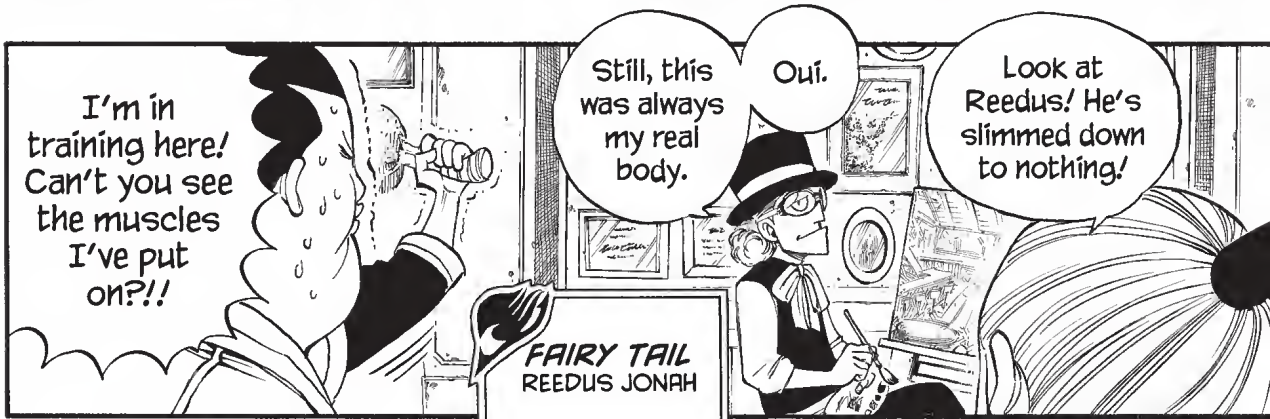
PWANG
The wizard guild Fairy Tail.
FAIRY TAIL

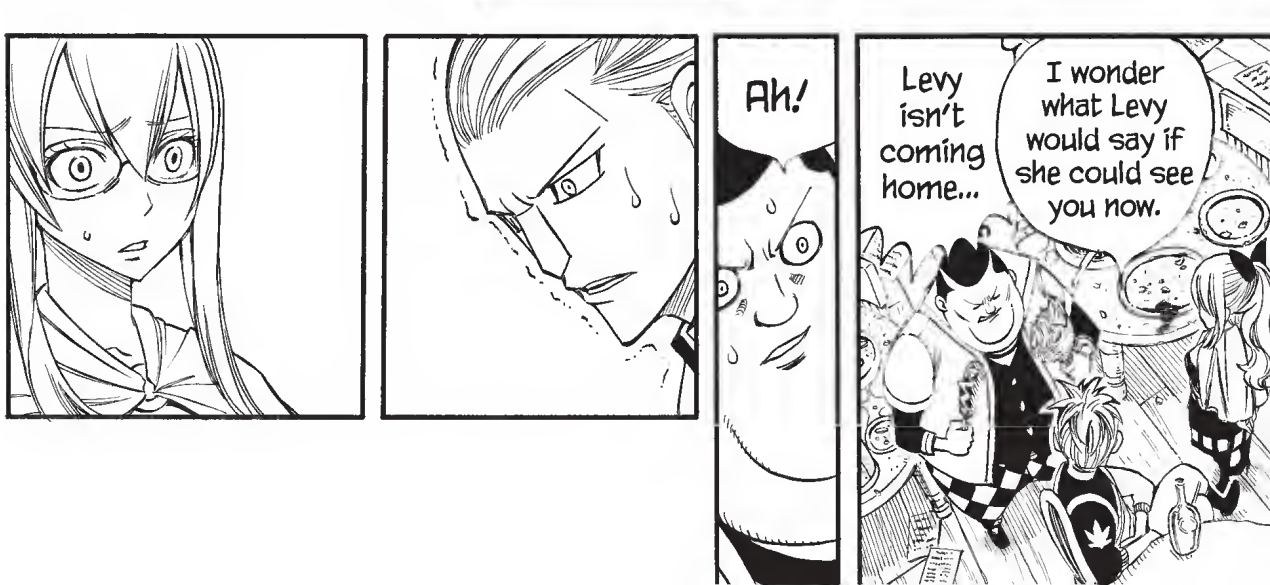

SLAM
Isn't Romeo back yet?!!


Al and Bisca had better not be swapping spit somewhere, leaving Romeo to fend for himself!!!!
FAIRY TAIL
FOURTH MASTER
MACAO CONBOLT
Aw, shaddap! You're too old for temper tantrums! Calm down a bit, huh, Macao?
FAIRY TAIL
ADVISOR TO THE FOURTH MASTER
WAKABA MINE
But still...
I ain't never seen a master with less dignity than you!
You're supposed to call me, "Master," right?!
FAIRY TAIL
MAX ALOZE

カリBABONGらぁん
Don't we have even fewer wizards now?
FAIRY TAIL
NAB LASARO
Look at this!! There are almost no jobs at all!
You never go on jobs anyway, so it's got nothing to do with you.
FWIP
What do you expect? Nobody sends any good jobs to a weakass guild like ours!
FAIRY TAIL
WARREN ROCCO
Are you putting more pressure on the Earth?
FAIRY TAIL
LAKI OLIETTA
Say, Droy...
I'm gonna be sick. Somebody kick him out.
I call it the Weak Ass Dance!
Everybody, look!! I've finished my brand-new dance!
FAIRY TAIL
VIJEETER ECOR


BYOING
Is that a denial or something?
You trying to tell me I'm fat, you jerk?!
FAIRY TAIL
JET
FAIRY TAIL
DROY

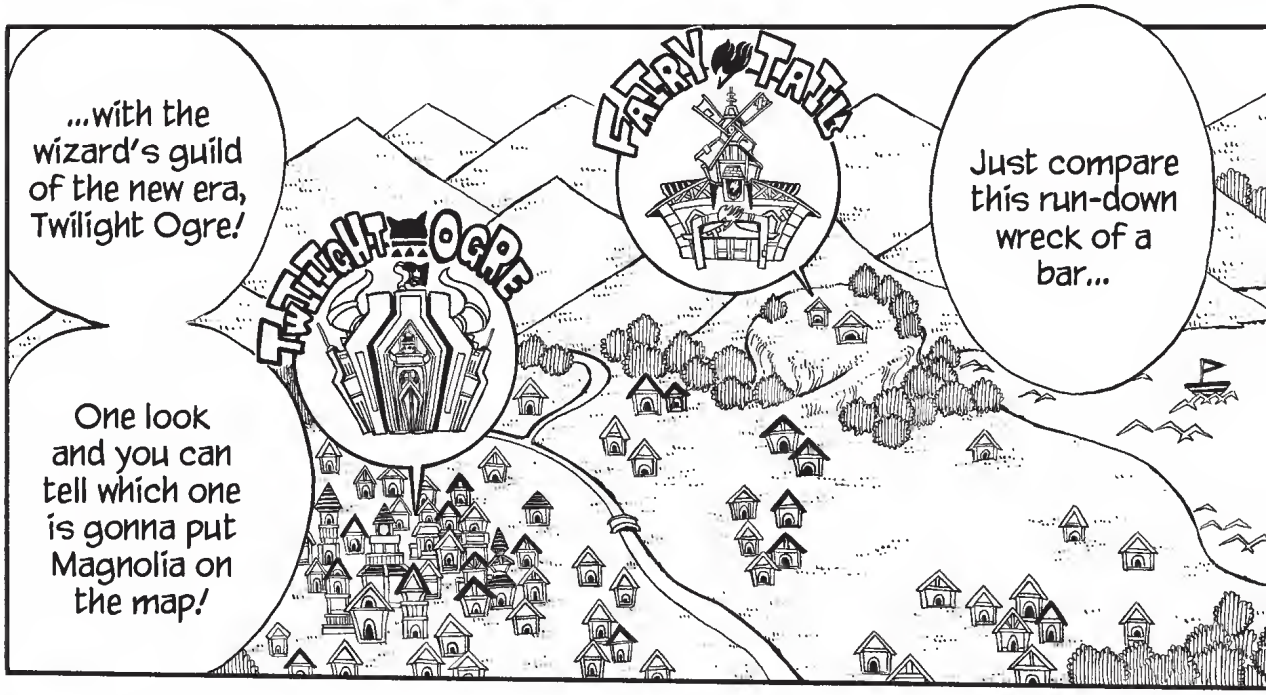

I'm in training here! Can't you see the muscles I've put on?!!
Still, this was always my real body.
Oui.
Look at Reedus! He's slimmed down to nothing!
FAIRY TAIL
REEDUS JONAH

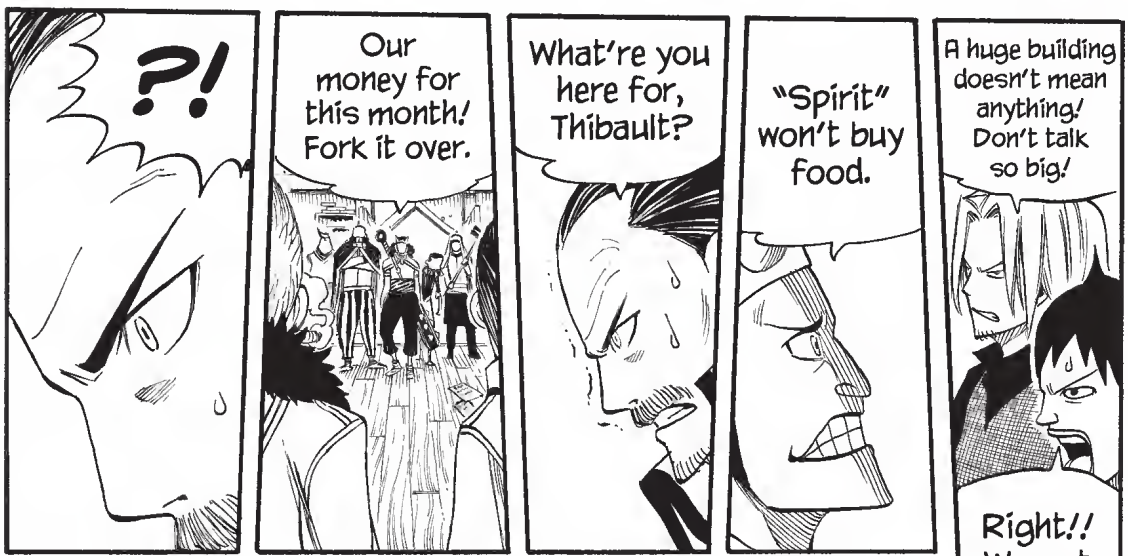

Ah!
Levy isn't coming home...
I wonder what Levy would say if she could see you now.

Well look at this!
STOMP
#4
They got no ambition! No ambition at all!
That's why I hate these weakass guilds!
They're lazing around, and it's already afternoon!
Gya ha ha ha!
WAAAAN
We're members of Twilight Ogre, Magnolia's greatest wizard guild!
Hey! You'd better think about whatcha wanna say to us!
You said you weren't going to come here anymore!
Thibault!

But your time is over!
Maybe you were the strongest in Fiore way back when, and maybe not...

Kh...


...with the wizard's guild of the new era, Twilight Ogre!
One look and you can tell which one is gonna put Magnolia on the map!
FAIRY TAIL
Just compare this run-down wreck of a bar...

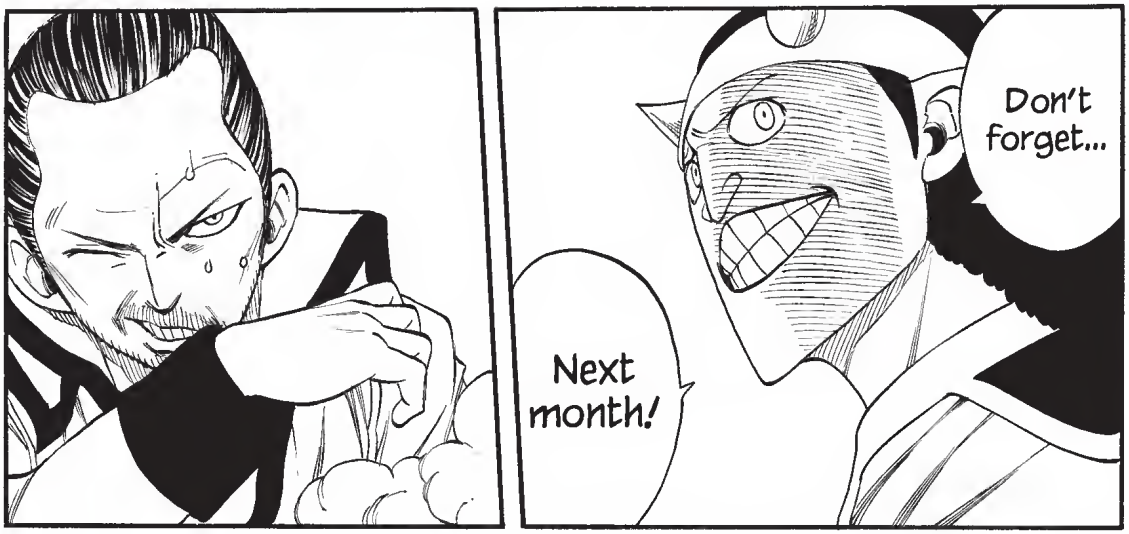

?!
Our money for this month! Fork it over.
What're you here for, Thibault?
"Spirit" won't buy food.
A huge building doesn't mean anything! Don't talk so big!
Right!! We got spirit here!

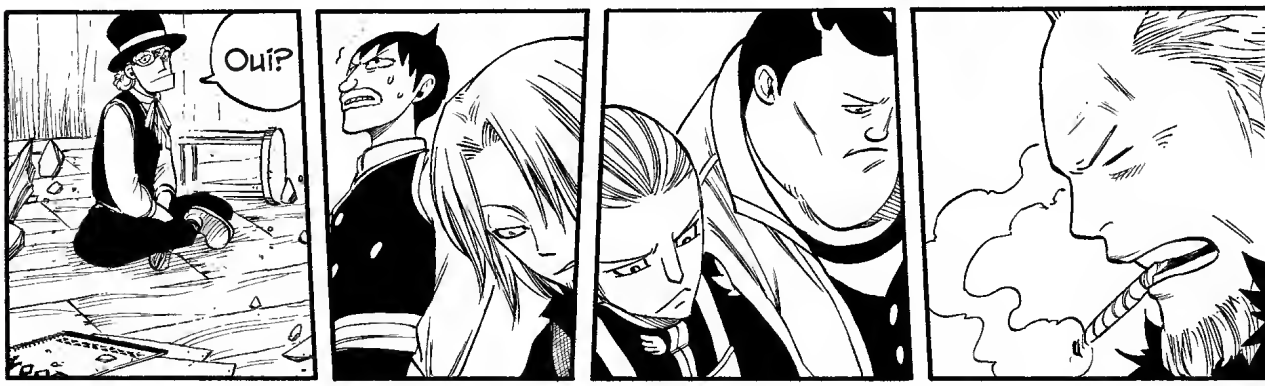
REQUE
BOARD
No good jobs have shown up here at all this month!!!
So listen, jerks! Wait until the end of next month, and we'll pay you for both!
You guys are behind in your loan payments!
You're supposed to call me Master!
You didn't pay it yet, Macao?!
We're the ones who took on your debts for you, right?!!
What's the attitude for? Who saved you and your run-down bar from bankruptcy?
You wait until the end of next month, and you'll get your money.
But...
Pipe down, Jet!
SHK
What was that, you creep?!!
If we'd known how outrageous your interest rates were, we wouldn't have bothered...

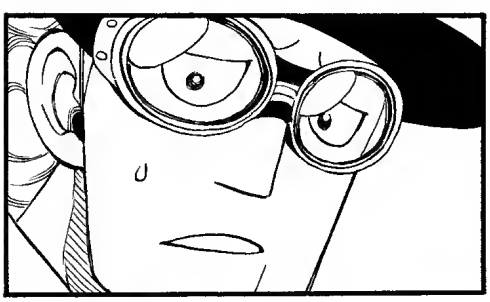
GAH!
KAKK
You got nerve ...
You jerks !
GACRASH
Master !!
Macao !!
Grr...
CLAK
Don't lay a finger on them !!!!

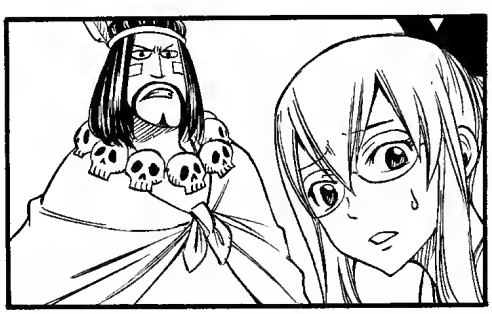
WHAM
BAM
KRAK
This is the "great" Fairy Tail?
What a bunch of losers!
How pathetic !!!!
Ha ha!!!
DOKAM
KRAKOW
WHAM

BASH
Urn...
WHAM
Kh...
KAM
KRAK
GAGRASH
GLUG
GLUG
Hya ha ha ha!
BAM
Come on up to my place, huh?
CRASH
GYA HA! HA! HA! HA!
WHAM
CRACK
BAM


Don't forget...
Next month!


Oui?

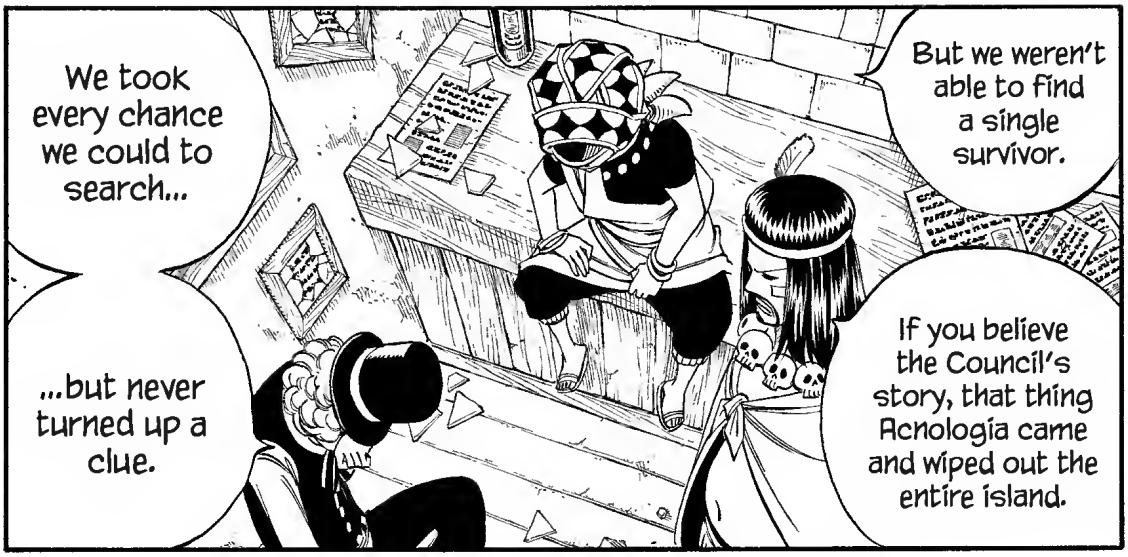


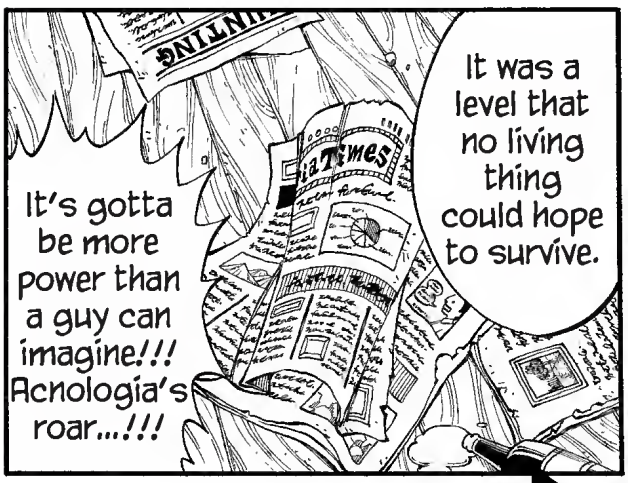


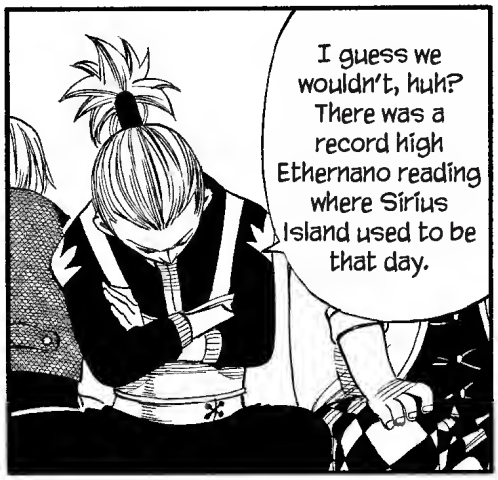
FLIP
Sketch Book

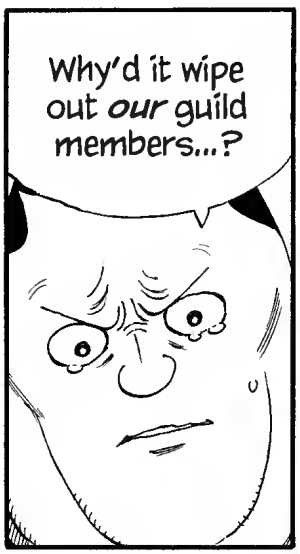
Menuiserie
ボロ…
PLIP
ボロ…
PLIP

PLIPPA PLIPPA
Those were good days.
Nothing's the same as it was back then.
SNIFF
It's been seven years since then, huh...?
We went there as fast as we could.
When we heard that there was nothing left of Sirius Island...


We took every chance we could to search...
...but never turned up a clue.
But we weren't able to find a single survivor.
If you believe the Council's story, that thing Acnologia came and wiped out the entire island.


It was a level that no living thing could hope to survive.
It's gotta be more power than a guy can imagine!!! Acnologia's roar...!!!

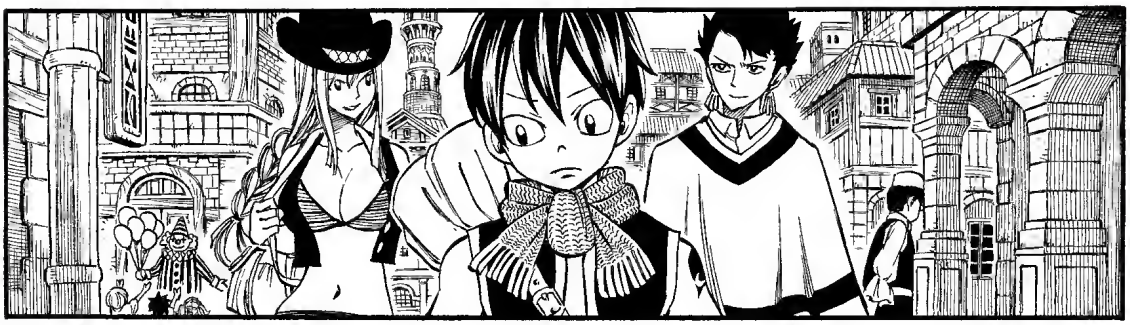

I guess we wouldn't, huh? There was a record high Ethernano reading where Sirius Island used to be that day.

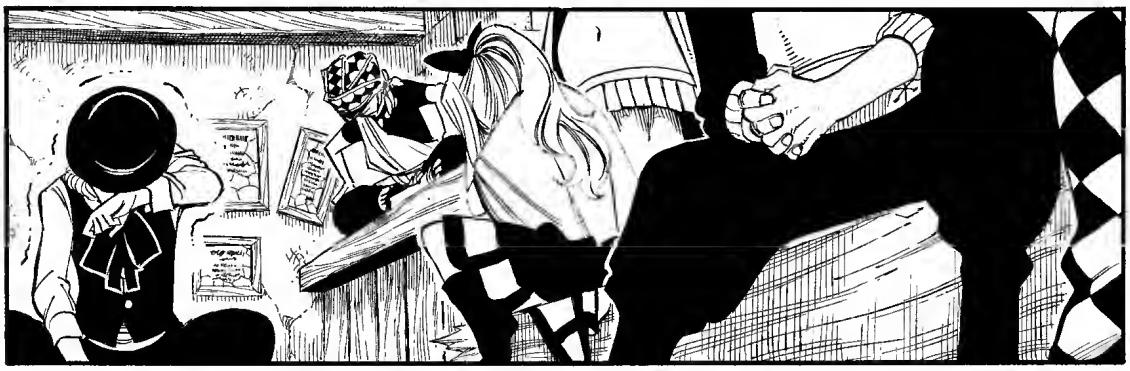

Why'd it wipe out *our* guild members...?

I mean...when dragons were around so long ago, whole countries were wiped out by a single one!
Nobody human... can take on a thing like that and hope to live through it...
DRAGON HISTORIA

While a brand new guild set up in Magnolia.
TWILIGHT OGRE
...our guild has only gotten weaker and weaker.
And ever since they disappeared ...
!
It may be time to close up shop.
Don't talk like that!!!
Ever since then...
You're doin' great, Master!
...
What is it, Macao?
I think my heart is about to split in two.
WHISPER

...I haven't seen Romeo smile once...
ポロポロ
PLIP
PLIP
ポロポロ
PLIP
PLIP
Urk...
SNIFF!





RUMMMMMMMBLE
Th-
That's...
Ohhh
?!!
DZP
RUMMMMBLE
Is it Ogre coming around to rough us up again?
What's that sound?
RUMMMB
!
That's the ship, Christina ...
...from Blue Pegasus ?!!!!
BLUE PEGASUS
The perfume of vexation is not a pleasant one.
VWAAAAN
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

Hup!
SHUPP
GRASSSH
FAIRY TAIL
I didn't think he was just gonna fall!!!!
Meeen!
GLEAM
GLEAM
Ichiya is here for you!
BLUE PEGASUS
ICHIYA VANDALAY KOTOBUKI

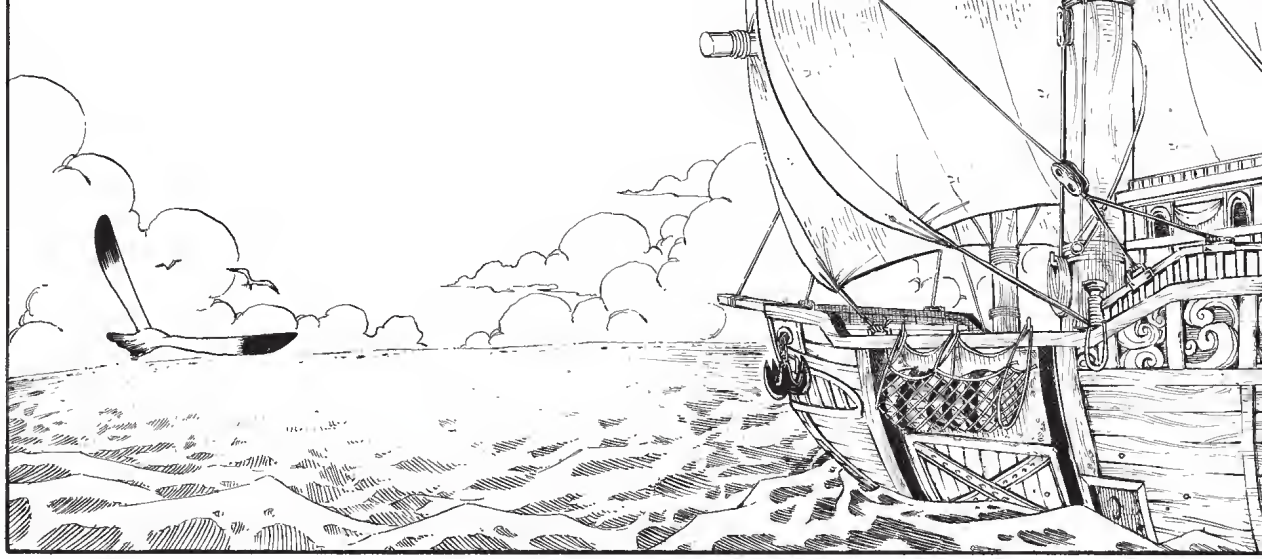
Long time no see, everyone.
I can use wind magic, you know.
WAFFFT
Ichiya-sama, as sympathetic as we are to your emotions, we wish you would remain a bit calmer.
WAFT
It's you...
Macao-san, you look even older!
BLUE PEGASUS
EVE TEARM
Humph!
BLUE PEGASUS
REN AKATSUKI
Yo.
BLUE PEGASUS
HIBIKI LATES
If you're here to pick up girls, do it someplace else!
Do you mind if I call you "big sister?"
S-Stop that! You know you look too attractive in glasses!
Laki-san, you are as beautiful as ever!
What's this about...?
Blue Pega-sus!
Th-They're so cool..

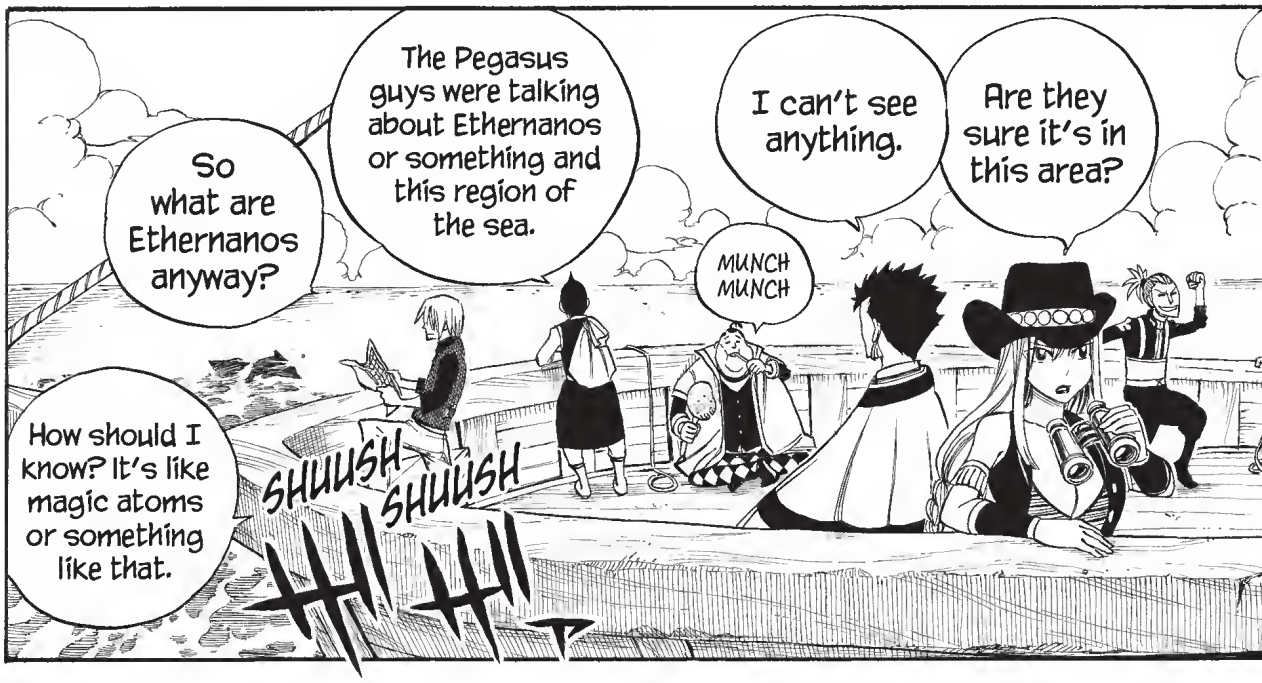
WHOOSH
I never forget the perfume of those who have competed against us, and fought alongside us!
Please forgive us!
NO
BOW
You three!! Stop that now!!
POFF
POFF
...searching all of Fiore for concentrations of Ethernanos. Our work has paid off.
I have analyzed the data in my Archive and we've traveled long in Christina...
GLE
EEM
Sirius Island still exists!!!

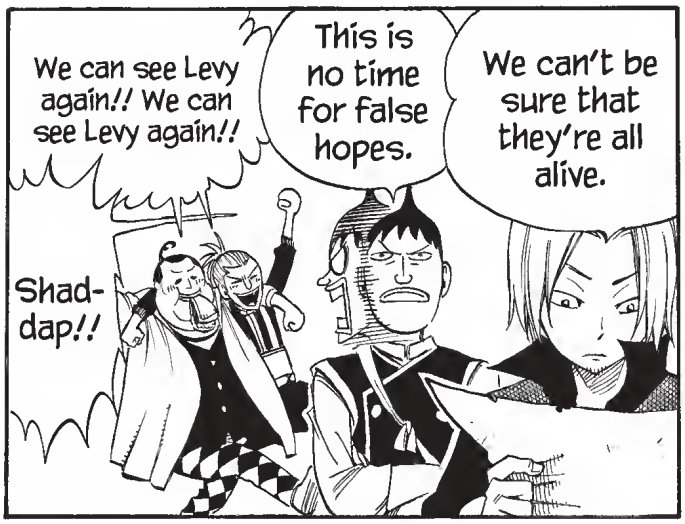
FAIRY TAIL

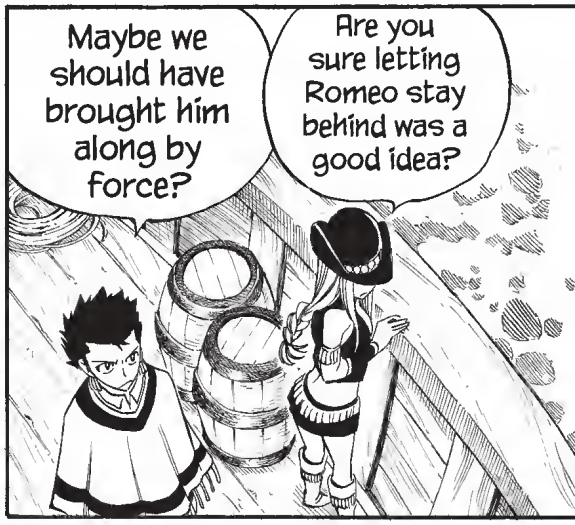
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 255: Fairy Sphere

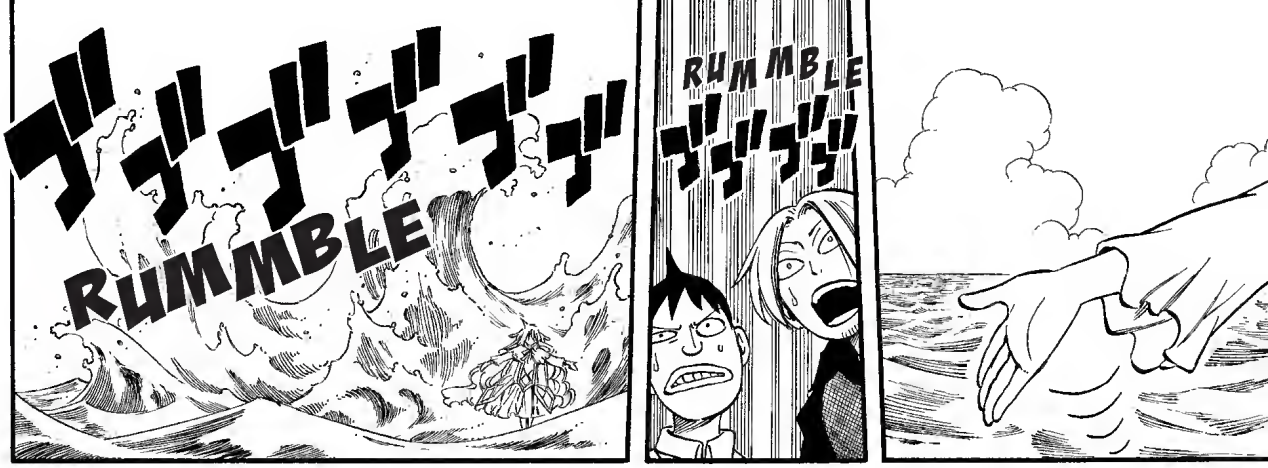



So what are Ethernanos anyway?
The Pegasus guys were talking about Ethernanos or something and this region of the sea.
I can't see anything.
Are they sure it's in this area?
MUNCH MUNCH
How should I know? It's like magic atoms or something like that.
SHUUSH SHUUSH
HI HI


We can see Levy again!! We can see Levy again!!
This is no time for false hopes.
We can't be sure that they're all alive.
Shad-dap!!


Maybe we should have brought him along by force?
Are you sure letting Romeo stay behind was a good idea?

!
Y-Yeah...
MUNCH
She's been out of touch for seven years, you know! Try to think in worst-case scenarios!
A person?
What... is that...?
No chance, right?!! Right on top of the water?
S-Standing... on the sea's surface !!!
Who is that ?!!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RUMMBLE
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RUM
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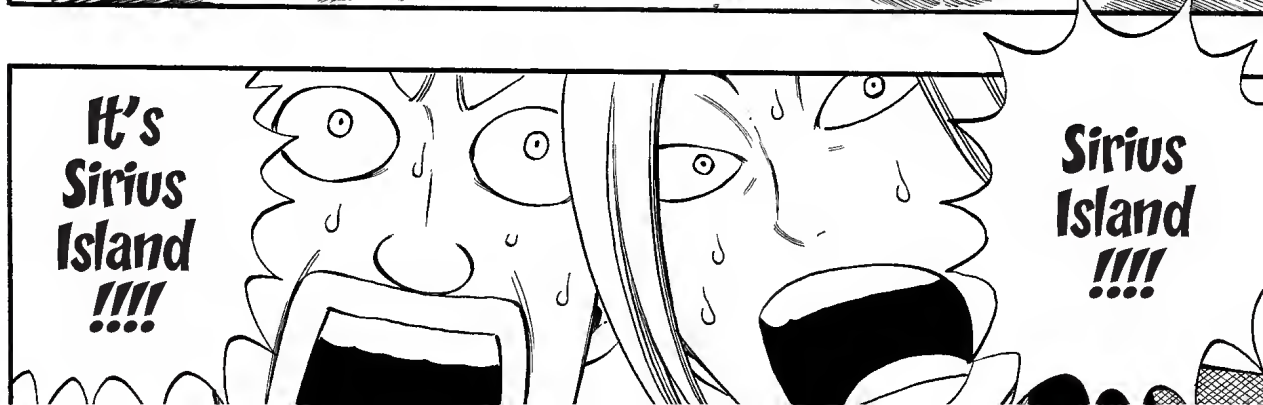
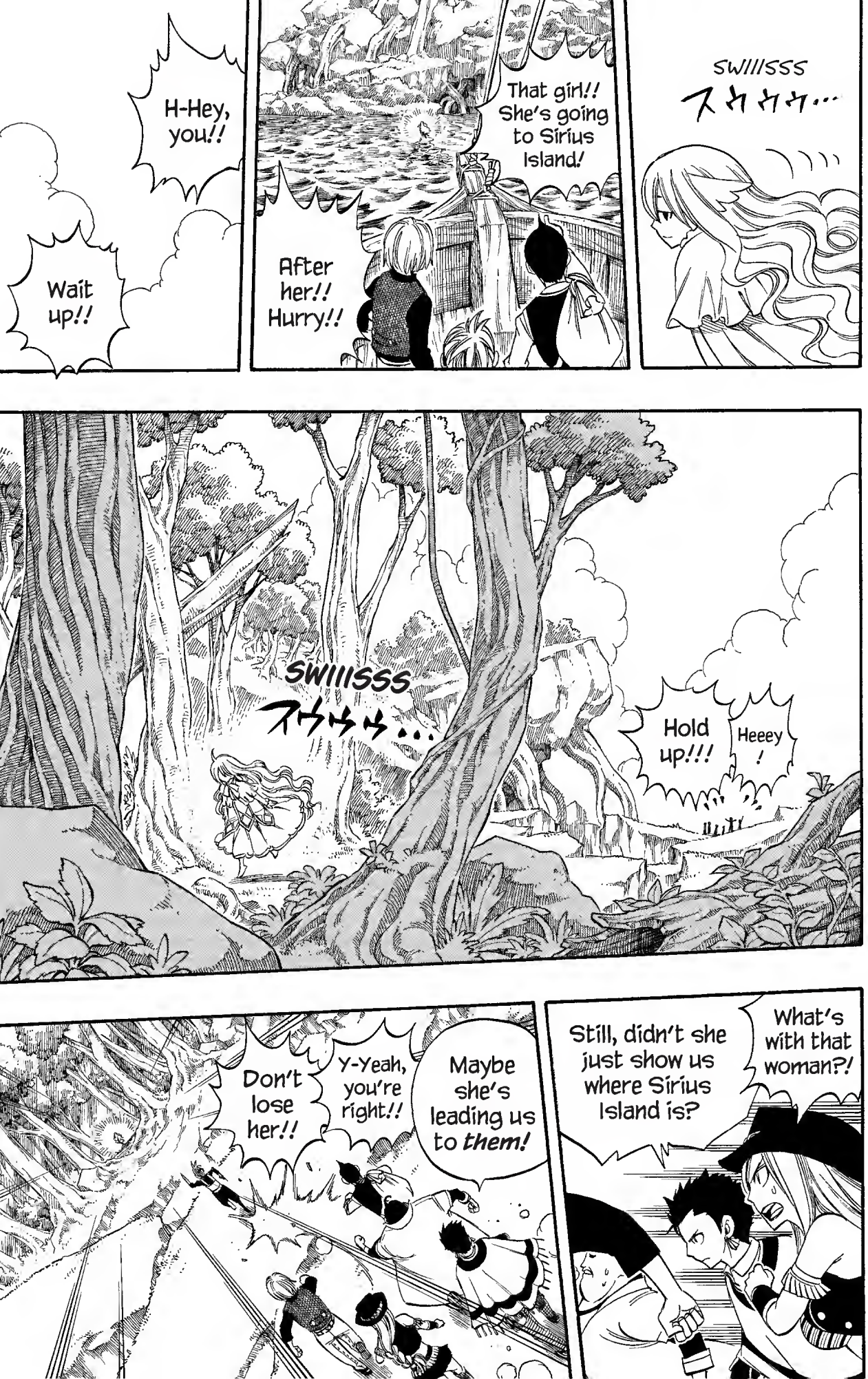

It's Sirius Island !!!!
Sirius Island !!!!


SWIIISSS
スウウウ…
That girl!! She's going to Sirius Island!
After her!! Hurry!!
H-Hey, you!!
Wait up!!
SWIIISSS
スウウウ…
Hold up!!!
Heeey!
What's with that woman?!
Still, didn't she just show us where Sirius Island is?
Maybe she's leading us to *them!*
Y-Yeah, you're right!!
Don't lose her!!

!
SHK
SHK
Natsu...

FAIRY TAIL

Don't be that way! We have to have faith!!

Even if they do find Sirius Island, there's no guarantee that we'll find everybody alive there, right?

Romeo... You're sure you didn't want to go with them?

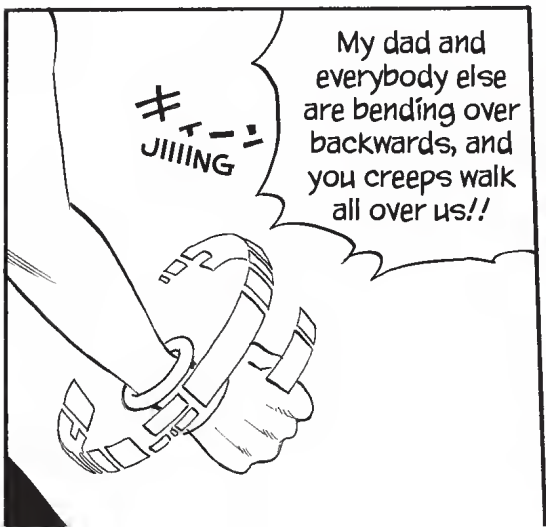
KRAK
Hey, you!!

Seven years, and not one word.

Looks like your ranks are even thinner today!
This isn't a guild! What is it...
...an amateur wizard's club?
Gee hee hee!
BWA HYAH HYAH!
ズガーン
ZWAAAAM!

He says you gotta pay on the day he sets.
And the master gets what the master wants.

Our master, you know...? He didn't go for that.
Thibault!! You shouldn't be here for payment until next month, right?!


キィーン
JIIIING
My dad and everybody else are bending over backwards, and you creeps walk all over us!!

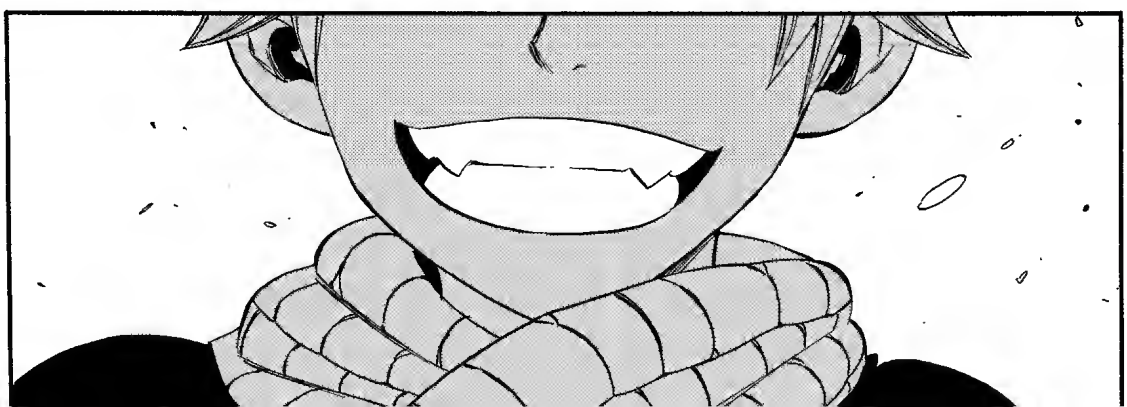
Stop it, Romeo!
We got no money for the likes of you!
What's with the attitude, brat?!
HUH?
QUITER

PFF
GWOOOGH
If nobody else is gonna fight, I will!! We let this go on, and it'll shame the name of Fairy Tail!!!!
SSY
That name hasn't meant anything in a long time!
!!
FSSSSH
You idiots could train your whole lives, and you'd never beat me !!!!
WOOOOX
Don't do it !!!!

THWAKAM
Huh?
What ?!
Hey!
GRUNCH

GANCH
CRATCH
DNOOM
PAK!!!K

WAM



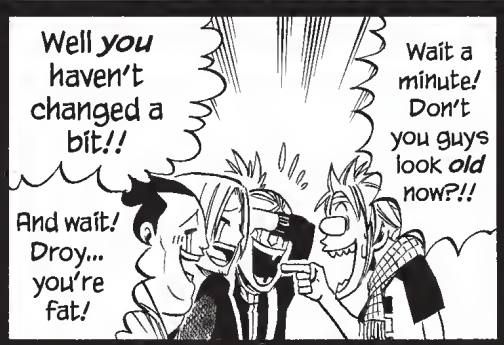
Wow! ♡ It's wonderful!
Yo.
Okay, where's the liquor?!
We're home!
Humph!
We've come back!
How'd the guild get so little?
We have returned.
Everybody!
BAAAA AAM

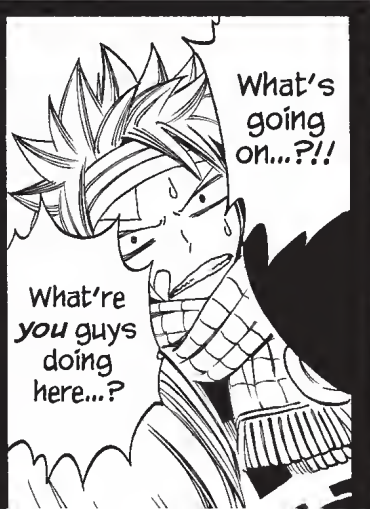
Um...
What happened here?!
You guys haven't changed in seven years!!
You're so young !!!
I-I-I-It's you...

Wake up, you jerk!!!
Natsu !!!
Natsu, wake up!!
Come on!!

DOWHAM
WGAH !!
Gaaah !!!
Natsu !!!!
Waaah !!

AAAAWW!!! SHUT UP!!!!


Well you haven't changed a bit!!
Wait a minute! Don't you guys look old now?!!
And wait! Droy... you're fat!

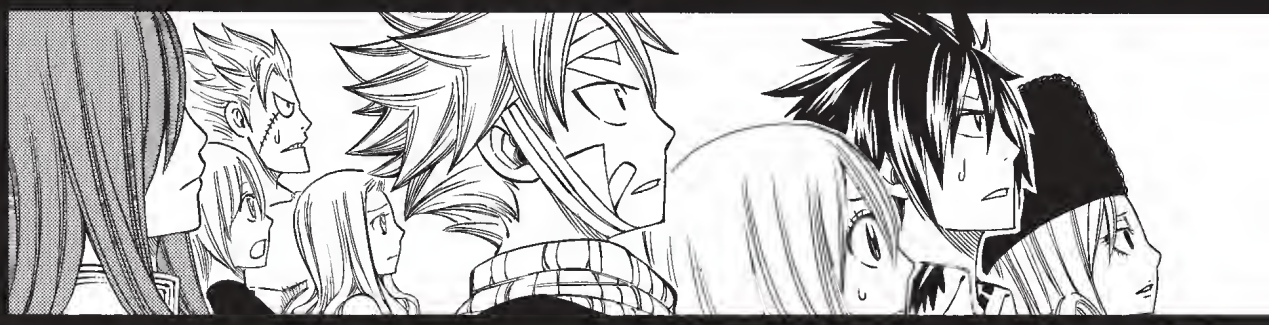

What's going on...?!!
What're you guys doing here...?

!!
Over here.
Where's everybody else?!!
HUUH?
がば?
...
um
...
We just got hit by Acnologia's roar and...
...Who?
...

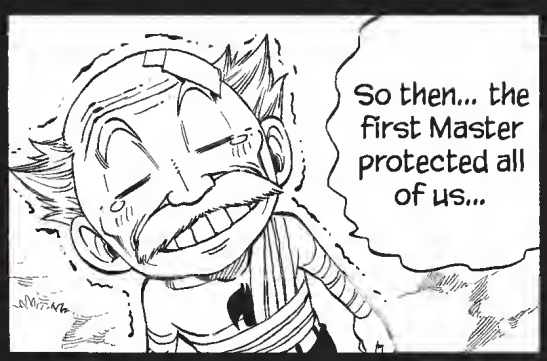
My name is Mavis.
Fairy Tail's first master, Mavis Vermillion.

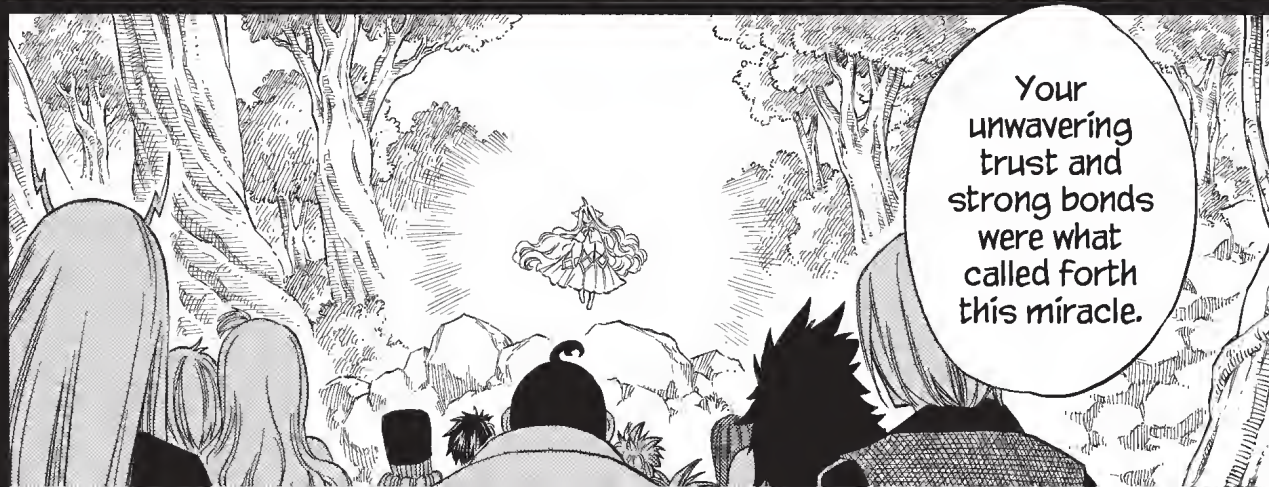
When the dragon attacked, I was able to convert the bonds of trust and friendship between guild mates...
...into pure magic.
Everyone's shared wish became the third of the great Fairy magics...
Fairy Sphere.
That magic protects the guild from all sorts of evils.
It's an impenetrable protective sphere.

But it keeps everyone in a suspended state...
...until it is automatically released seven years later.

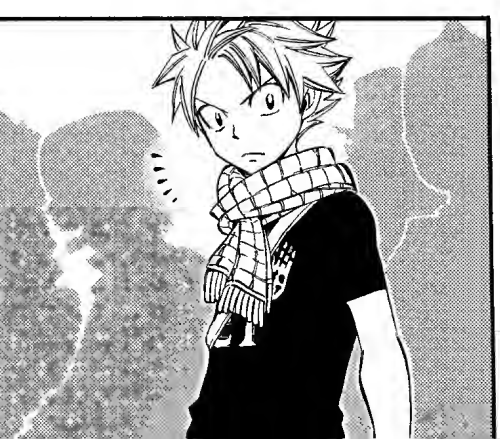


No... I am a disembodied spirit. It was all I could do to transform all of *your* magic.


So then... the first Master protected all of us...


Your unwavering trust and strong bonds were what called forth this miracle.

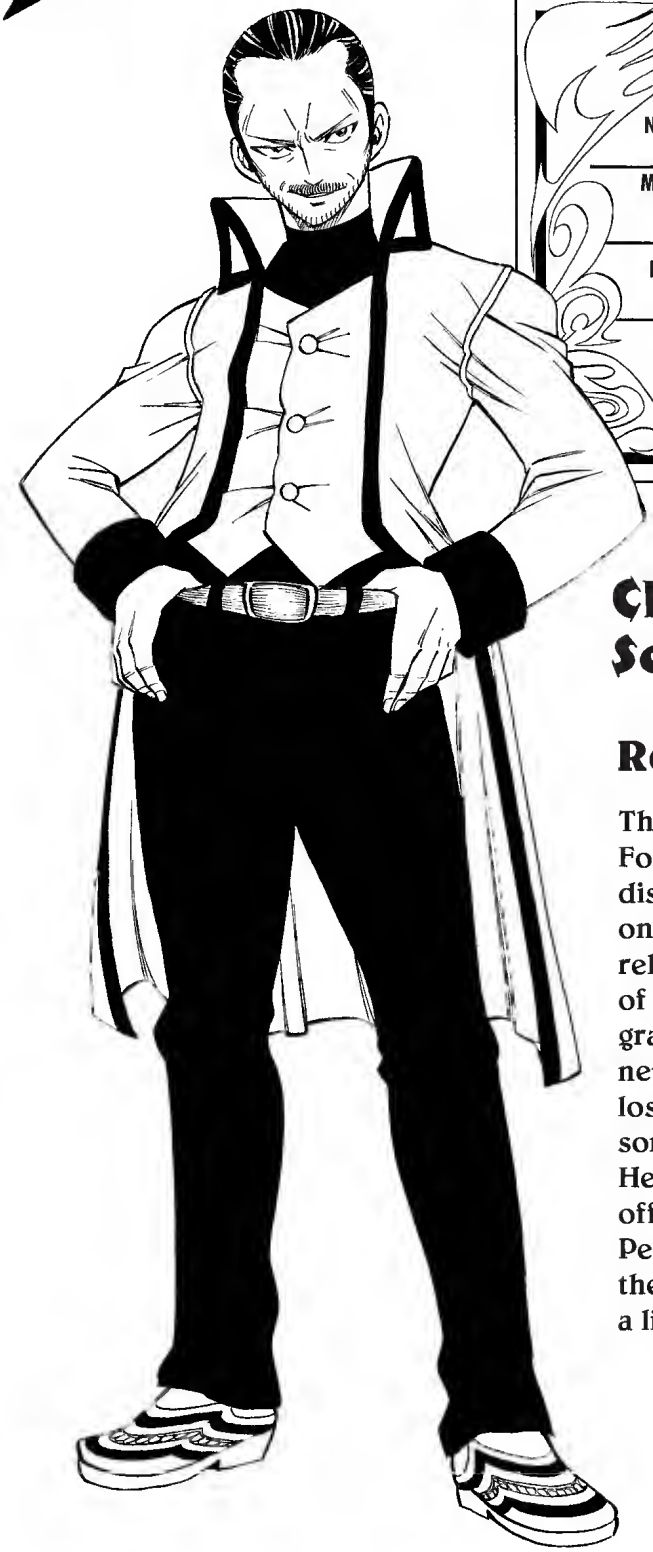
The guild's done well...
...Third Master!



...she said.
So...

Look how big you got...
Romeo!
Natsu !!!
Every-body !!!!
Welcome home!!!!

FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL

Name: Macao Conbolt Age: 43

Magic: Purple Flare

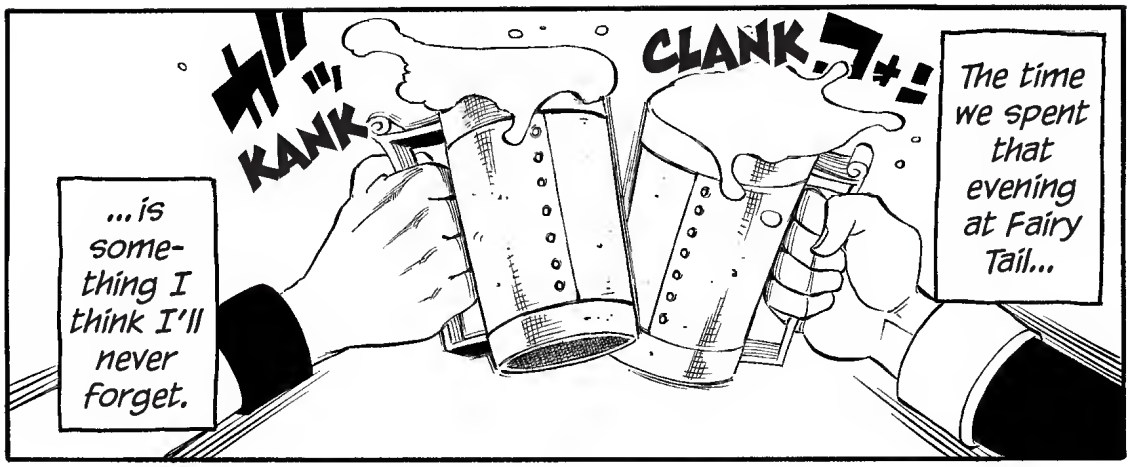
Likes: Romeo Dislikes: Loans

Chapter 256: Seven Empty Years

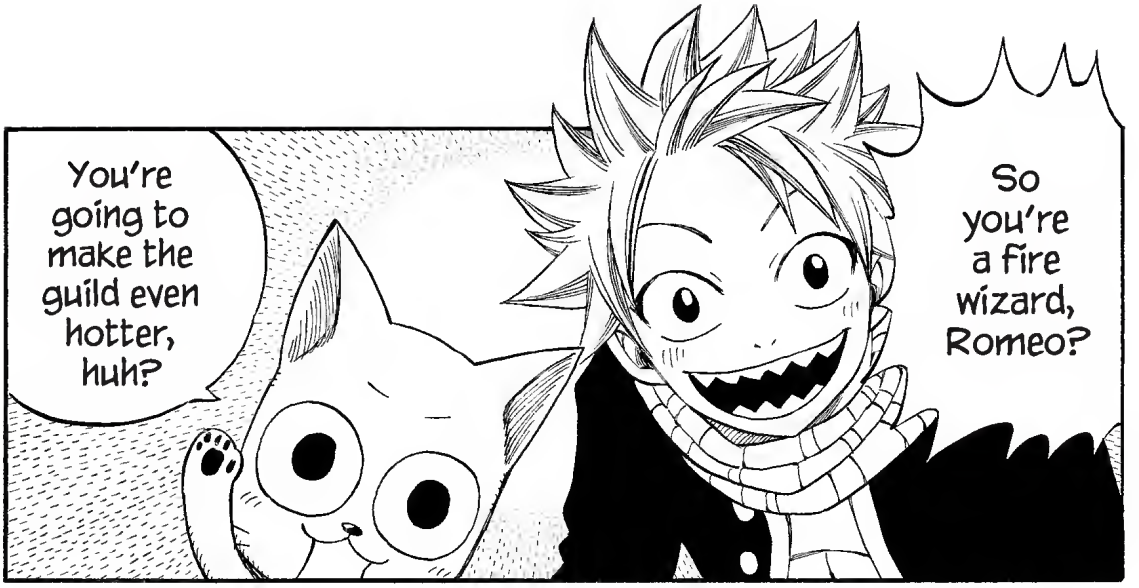
Remarks

The fourth master of Fairy Tail.
For the first year after the disappearance of Sirius Island, he was only "acting master," but the Council reluctantly made him the fourth master of the guild. Ever since, he's been gravely worried about how his son has never smiled since Sirius Island was lost, but when the island returned, his son's smile did as well.
He would tell people that he was going off to a meeting, but instead go to Blue Pegasus because of all the beauties there. Since then, Master Bob has taken a liking to him.

Magnolia in the year X791...
By the time we returned from Sirius Island...
...seven whole years had passed on Earth-land.
Once... long ago, I think I read a child's story like that...
...but I never thought for a moment that I'd have the same kind of experience!

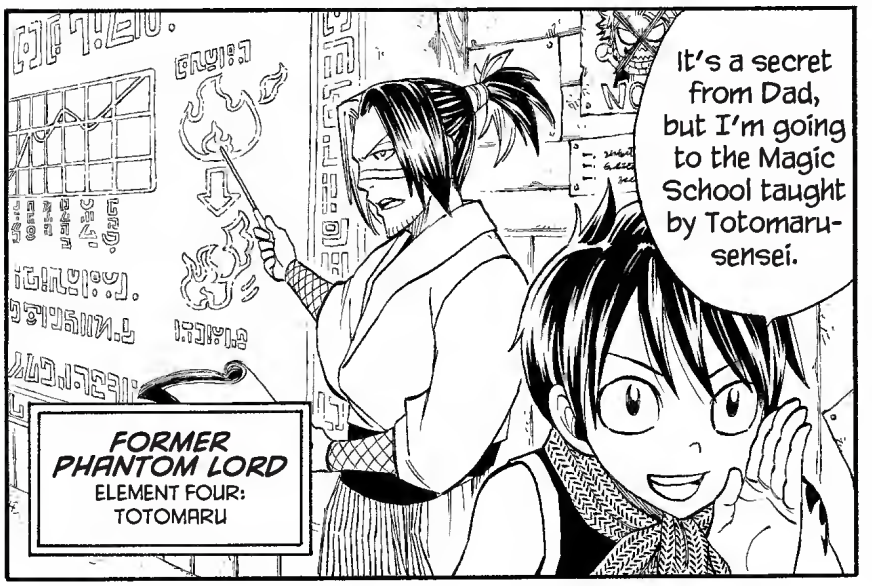

KANK
CLANK
...is something I think I'll never forget.
The time we spent that evening at Fairy Tail...

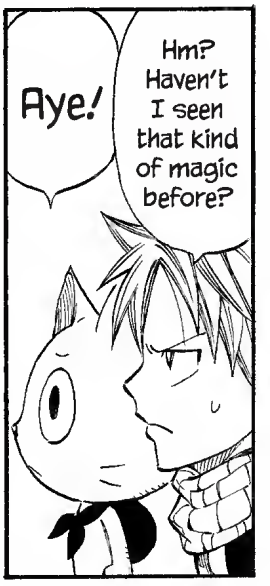
OOMPAH
OOMPAH
We drank. We sang. We danced ...
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
We partied to make up for the seven years we'd missed.
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLAMOR

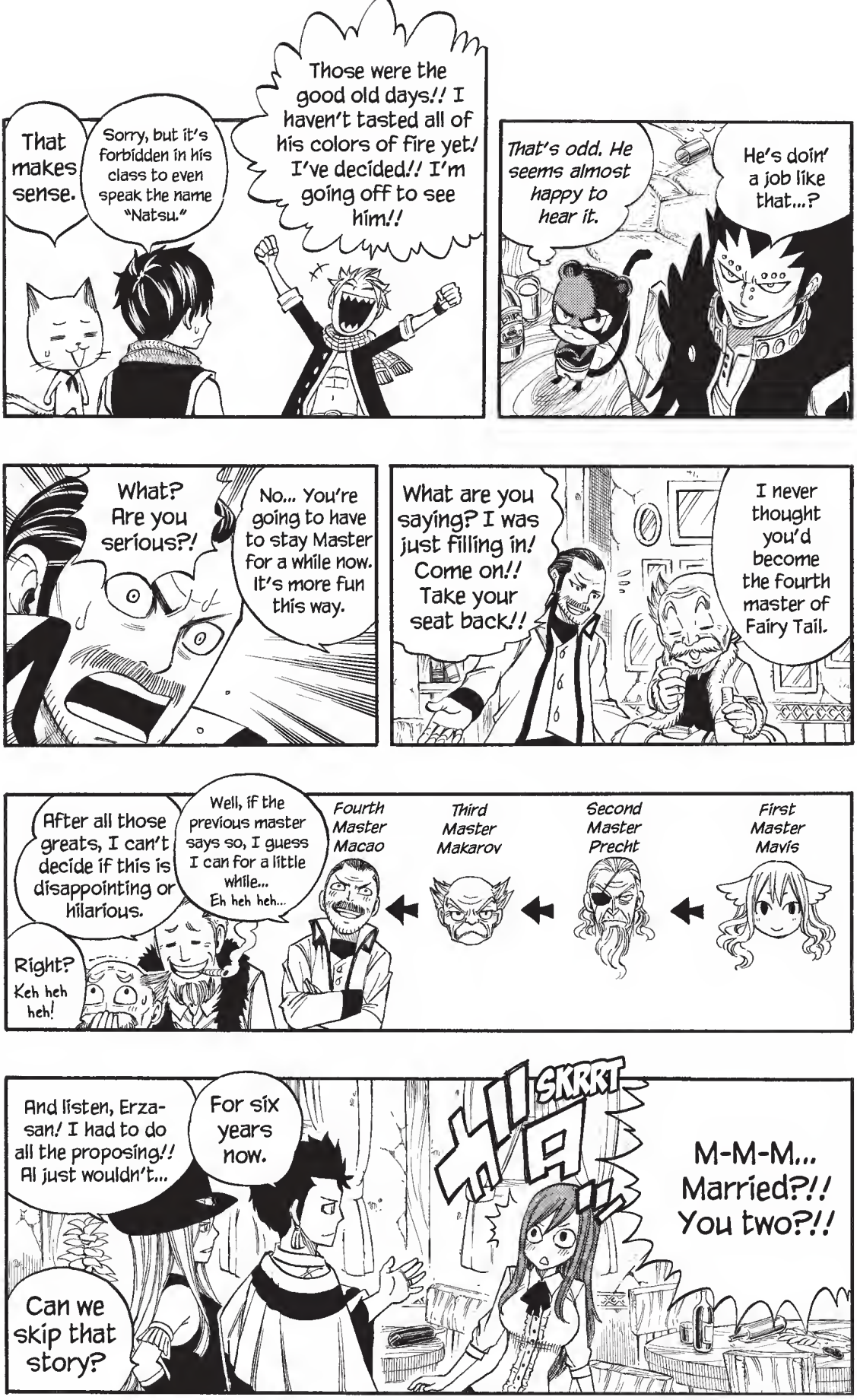

So you're a fire wizard, Romeo?
You're going to make the guild even hotter, huh?

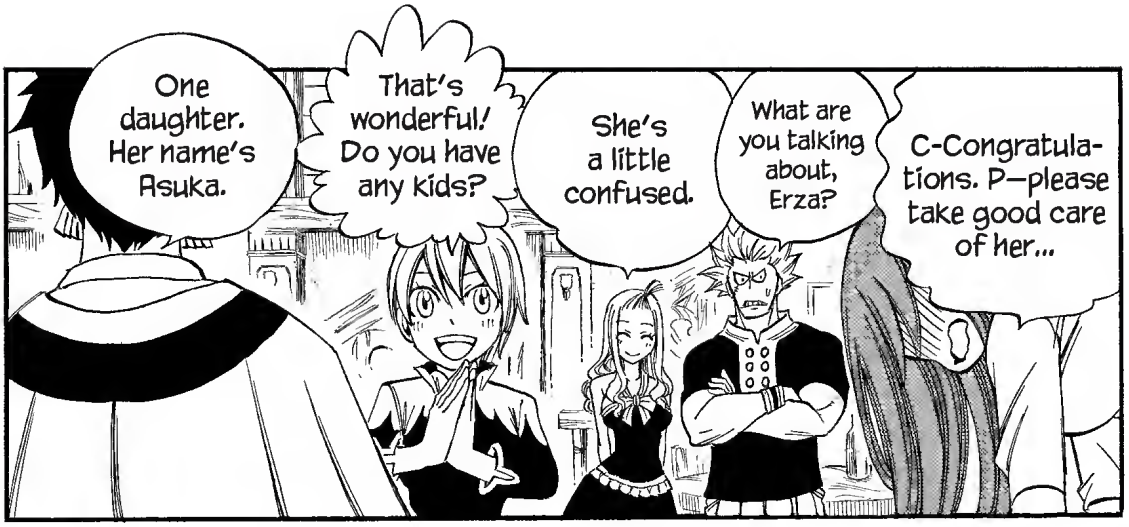
Also, I can make sticky purple fire like Dad can.
And a yellow flame with a weird smell.
You look like you're workin' at a higher level than your dad.
もぉーん
BWAAN
ベたーん
GLOOP

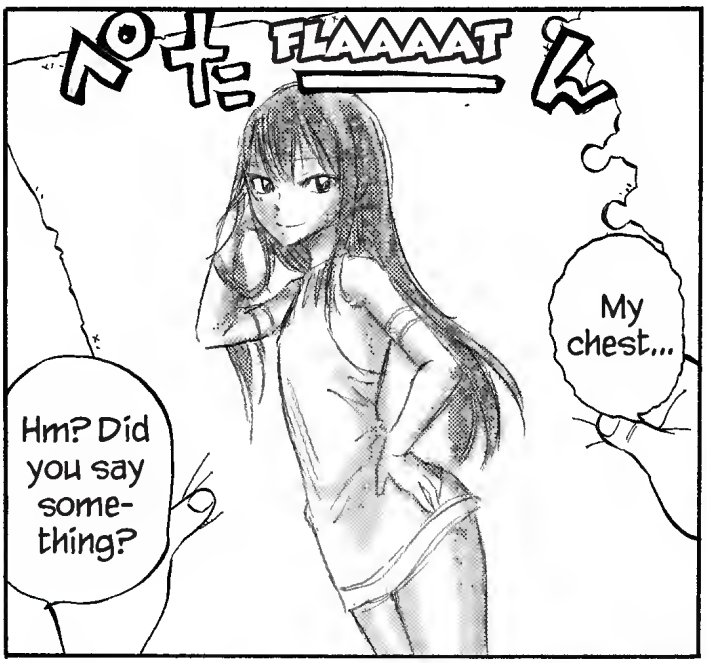
I can even produce cold flame!
ボォク!!!
BWOOGH
Oh! Blue fire.


It's a secret from Dad, but I'm going to the Magic School taught by Totomaru-sensei.
FORMER PHANTOM LORD
ELEMENT FOUR: TOTOMARU

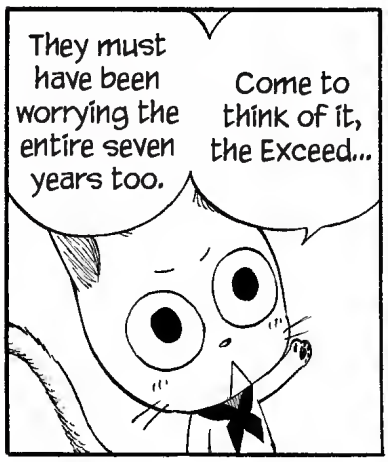

Hm? Haven't I seen that kind of magic before?
Aye!


That makes sense.
Sorry, but it's forbidden in his class to even speak the name "Natsu."
Those were the good old days!! I haven't tasted all of his colors of fire yet! I've decided!! I'm going off to see him!!
That's odd. He seems almost happy to hear it.
He's doin' a job like that...?
What? Are you serious?!
No... You're going to have to stay Master for a while now. It's more fun this way.
What are you saying? I was just filling in! Come on!! Take your seat back!!
I never thought you'd become the fourth master of Fairy Tail.
After all those greats, I can't decide if this is disappointing or hilarious.
Right? Keh heh heh!
Well, if the previous master says so, I guess I can for a little while... Eh heh heh...
Fourth Master Macao
Third Master Makarov
Second Master Precht
First Master Mavis
And listen, Erza-san! I had to do all the proposing!! Al just wouldn't...
For six years now.
Can we skip that story?
SKRRT
M-M-M... Married?!! You two?!!

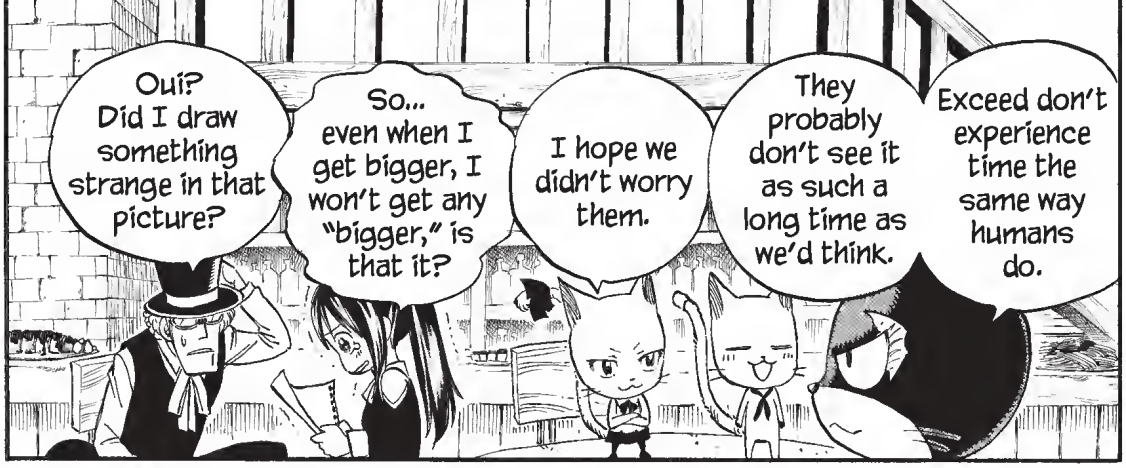

One daughter. Her name's Asuka.
That's wonderful! Do you have any kids?
She's a little confused.
What are you talking about, Erza?
C-Congratulations. P—please take good care of her...

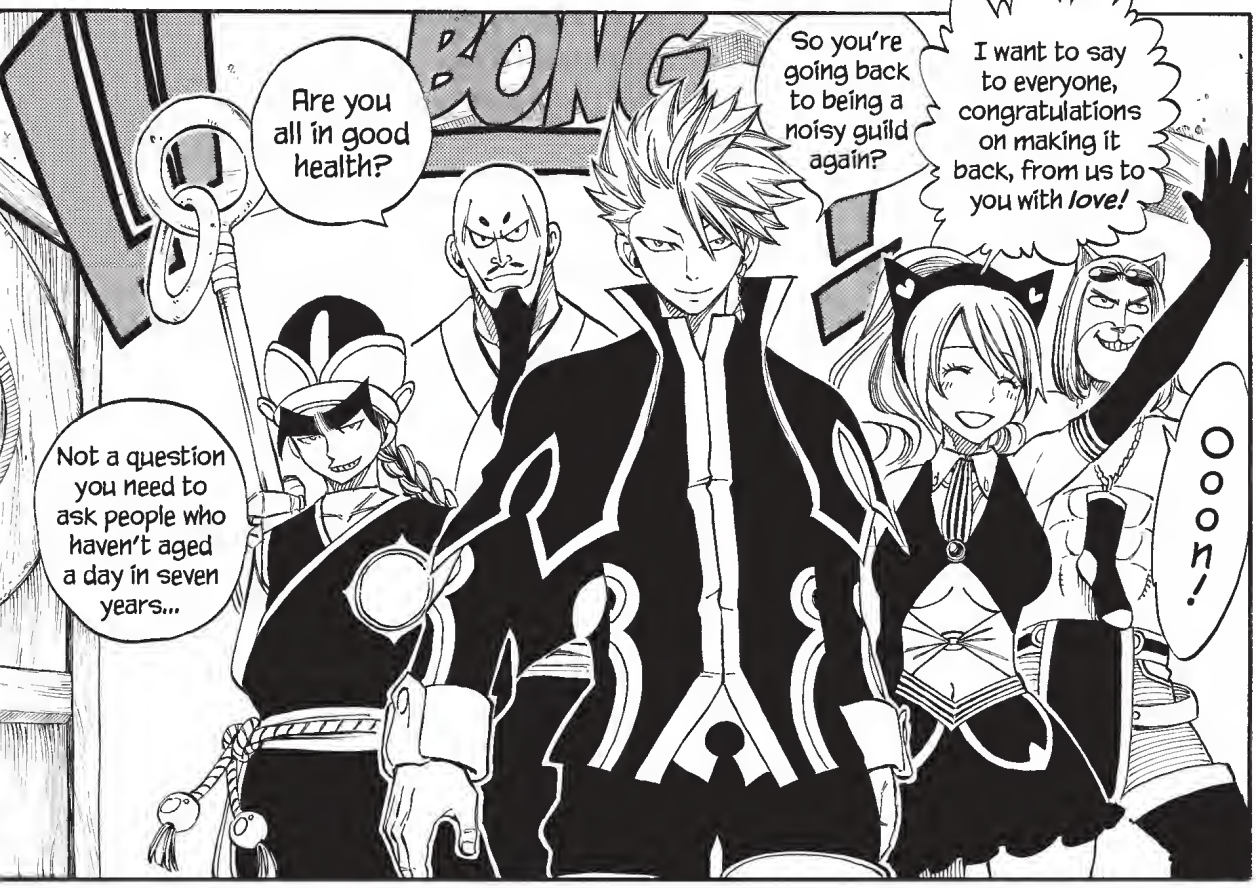

FLAAAAT
My chest...
Hm? Did you say something?

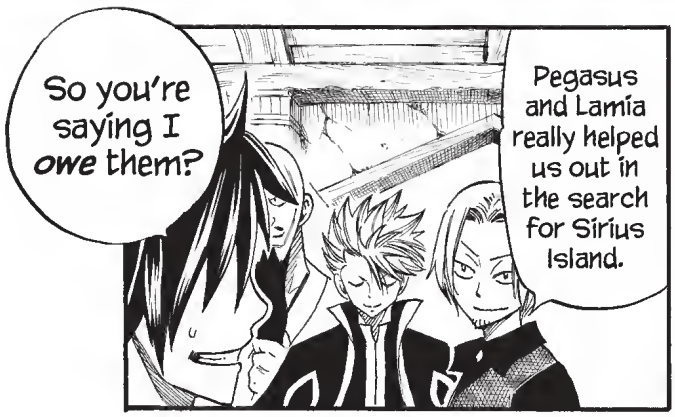
Um... Reedus... This...
Oui... It was simply how I imagined you, grown up seven years.


They must have been worrying the entire seven years too.
Come to think of it, the Exceed...

Now this... is just disgusting.

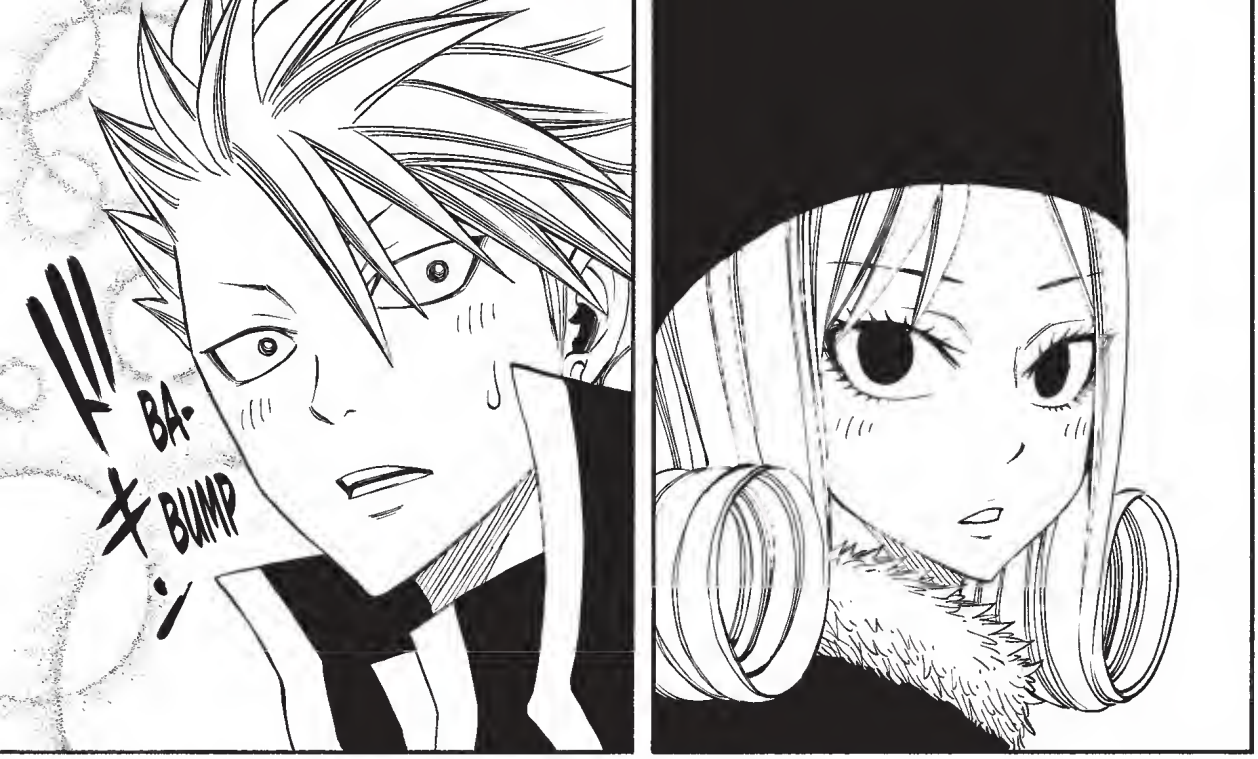

Oui? Did I draw something strange in that picture?
So... even when I get bigger, I won't get any "bigger," is that it?
I hope we didn't worry them.
They probably don't see it as such a long time as we'd think.
Exceed don't experience time the same way humans do.


BONG
Are you all in good health?
So you're going back to being a noisy guild again?
I want to say to everyone, congratulations on making it back, from us to you with *love!*
Not a question you need to ask people who haven't aged a day in seven years...
Oooh!


So you're saying I *owe* them?
Pegasus and Lamia really helped us out in the search for Sirius Island.

Lamia Scale ?!!
You guys !!

There's nothing to worry about.
Pegasus may be ahead of us now, but we will prove superior in power.
LAMIA SCALE
LYON VASTIA
That was your reason?
Of course, over the past seven years, we've risen to become Fiore's No. 2 guild.
Too bad for you, Lucy-san.
LAMIA SCALE
SHERRY BLENDY
...Wait, does that mean that Pegasus is No. 1?
We'd never allow that!!!!
Don't get so worked up.
No... It isn't Pegasus...
LAMIA SCALE
TOBY
LAMIA SCALE
YUKA
!
Yes... Why don't we move on to other subjects? Of course, we are relieved that you are all well.
Ooon.
LAMIA SCALE
JURA NEEKIS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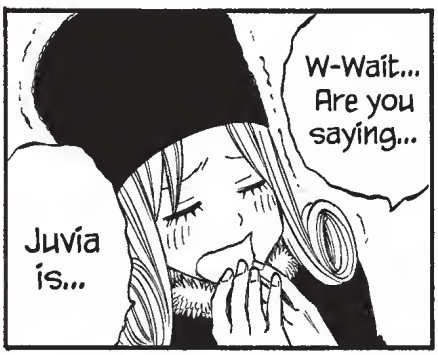
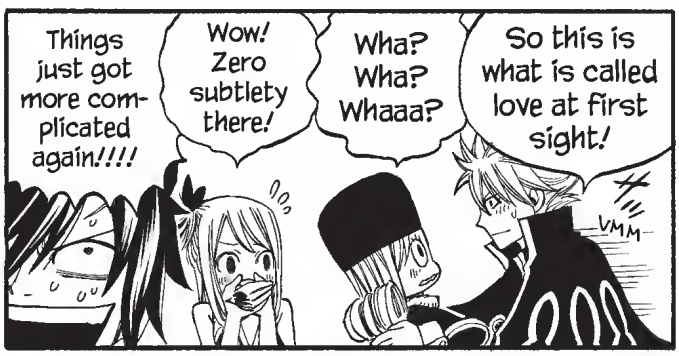
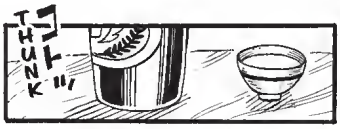

W-Wait... Are you saying...
Juvia is...


Things just got more complicated again!!!!
Wow! Zero subtlety there!
Wha? Wha? Whaaa?
So this is what is called love at first sight!
UMM


THUNK
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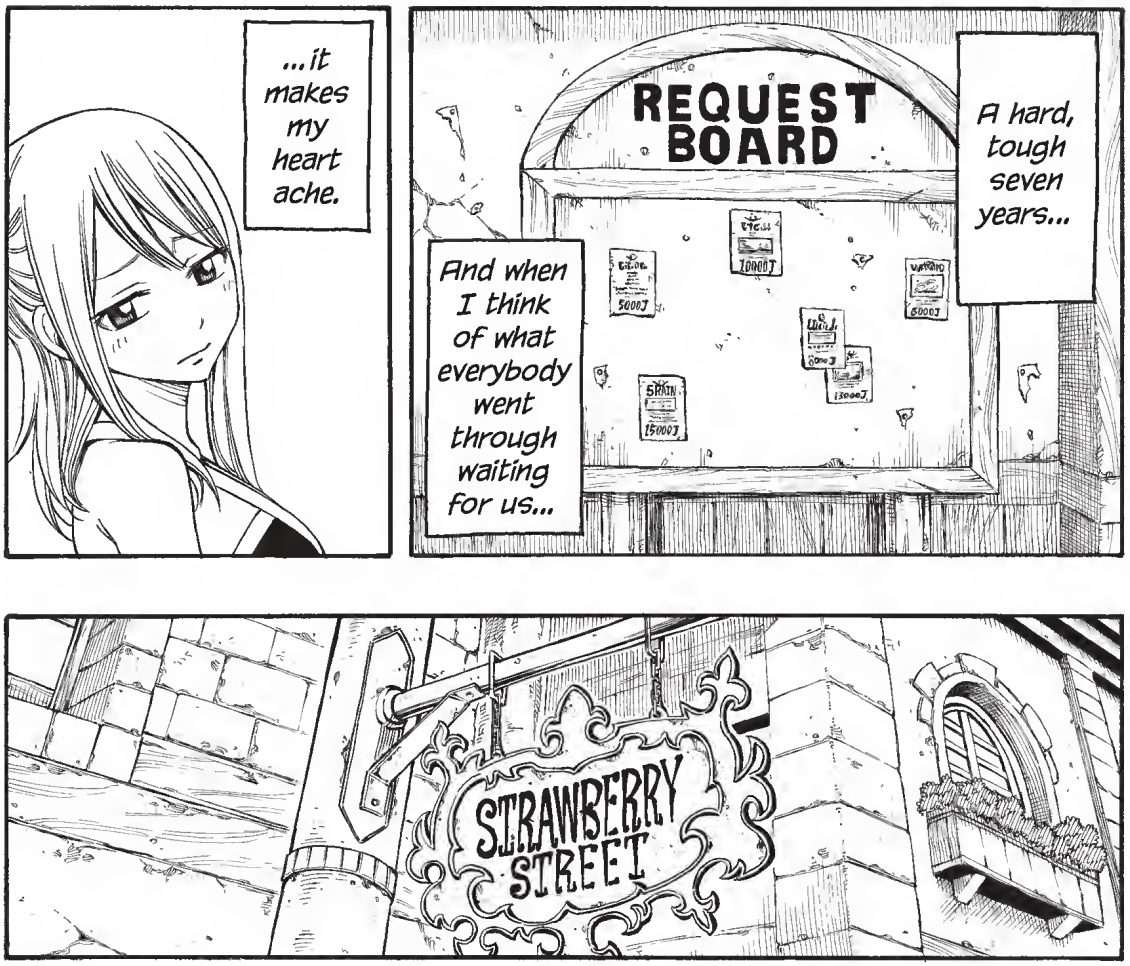
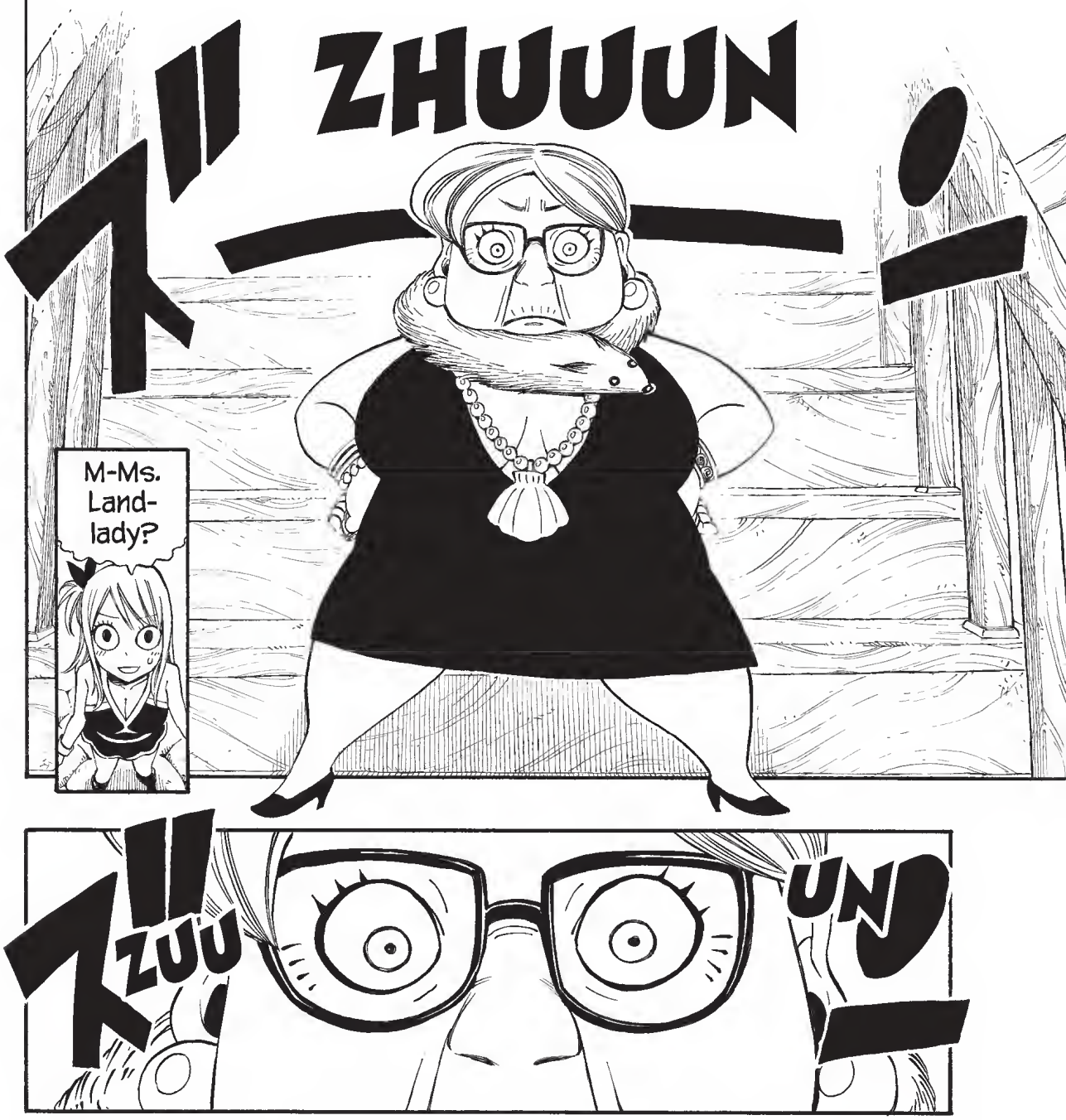
So what all this means is, it turns out I'm Cana's father!
Hey!! Don't go getting all grabby!!

Natsu
Loke
Merudy
Ultear
Lucy
Lisanna
Gray-sama
Lyon
Juvia
Sherry
Aw, gimme a break!
That's one amazing imagination!
...in an all-out battle !!!!

Yeah, even gullible people wouldn't fall for that lie.
Can't you guys tell a joke that's easier for us to believe?
And put me down!!!
And do something about that warped face of yours!
How can I stop when I'm so happy?!
CHATTER
CHATTER
Laxus...
Don't be a pain!
AH HA HA HA
The noise didn't let up.
To us, it felt like we'd been gone only a week...
Team Shadow Gear is here to make a comeback, right?
WAAAH
I thought I'd never see you again, Levy!
...it seemed like an extra long seven years.
...but to everyone we left behind...


...it makes my heart ache.
REQUEST BOARD
A hard, tough seven years...
And when I think of what everybody went through waiting for us...
STRAWBERRY STREET
PUUUN!
It seems like forever since I saw the inside of my place, huh?
PLOD
PLOD
PLOD
It's Lucy-chan!
Hey!
Isn't that ...
PUUUN!
Whoa... I figured it'd be this way, but I'm beat...
PLOD
PLOD
PLOD
It was a three-day festival of noise at the guild.


ZHUUUN
M-Ms. Land-lady?

ZUU
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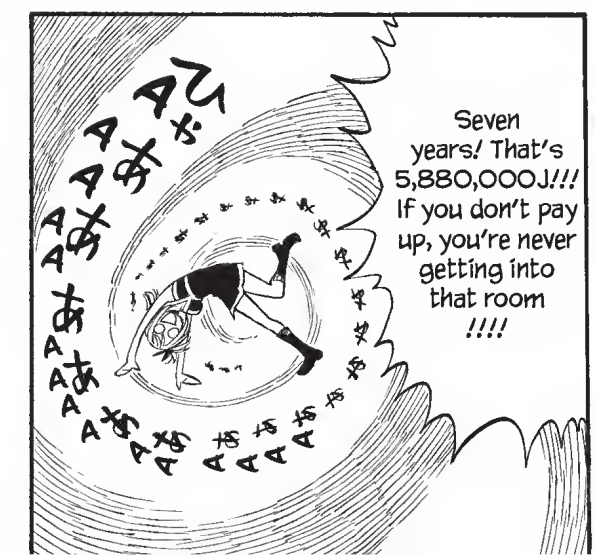

Seven years! That's 5,880,000J!!! If you don't pay up, you're never getting into that room !!!!

I heard that you were back. It's good to see you're all right.
But we do have a *rent* situation!

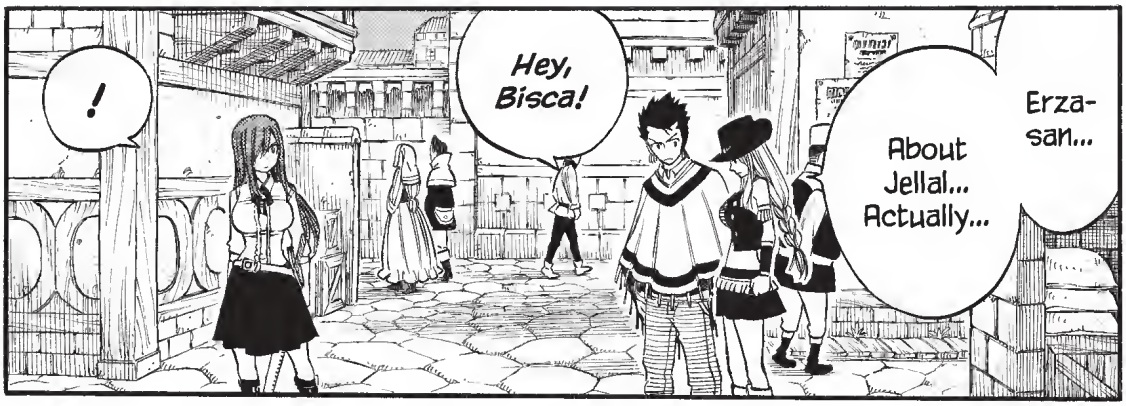
There's no way I can pay that...
Almost six million ...
And nobody else is doing very well, either.
I'll let you slide for the rest.
I have some savings, but...
The girls staying in the Fairy Tail Hills Dorm were all forced to pay seven years back rent.
The guild's near financial ruin...
And Alzack and Bisca even have a kid together!
Jet and Droy have really changed...
Romeo has gotten so big...
Seven years, huh ...?
It's such a long time, I can't even imagine it.

So he hasn't heard from me in seven whole years.
I'll bet that'd make anybody worry.
Father...
PUUN, PUUN.
But everybody sure was surprised that Gildarts is Cana's father!
Maybe I'll go and visit Father.

PUUN PUUN! ♪
Imagine that! I'm thinking that I *want* to visit Father.
That's a first, for me.

A-And I'm really not doing this just to borrow some money.

...it was like our lives had been emptied out.
But with seven years lost...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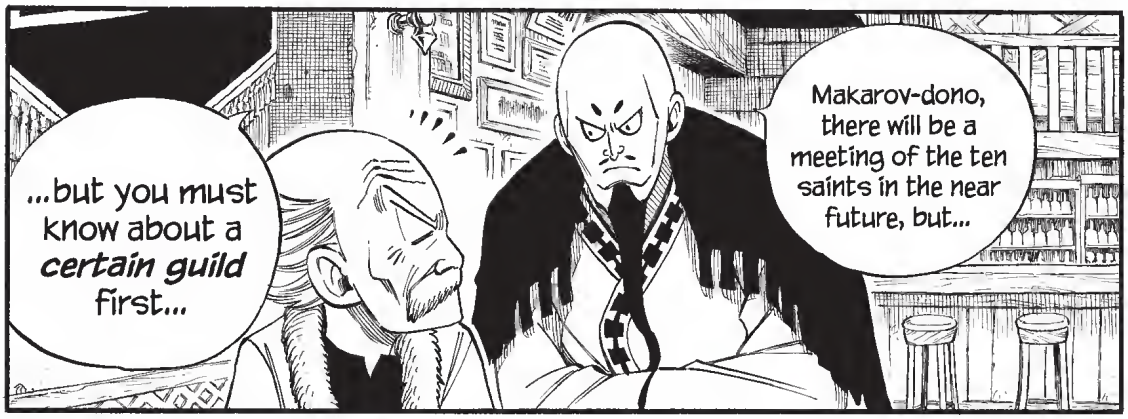
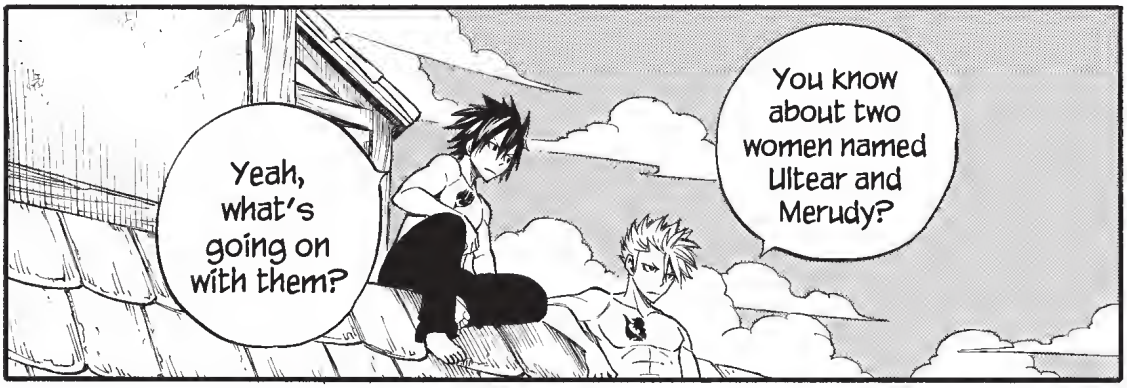
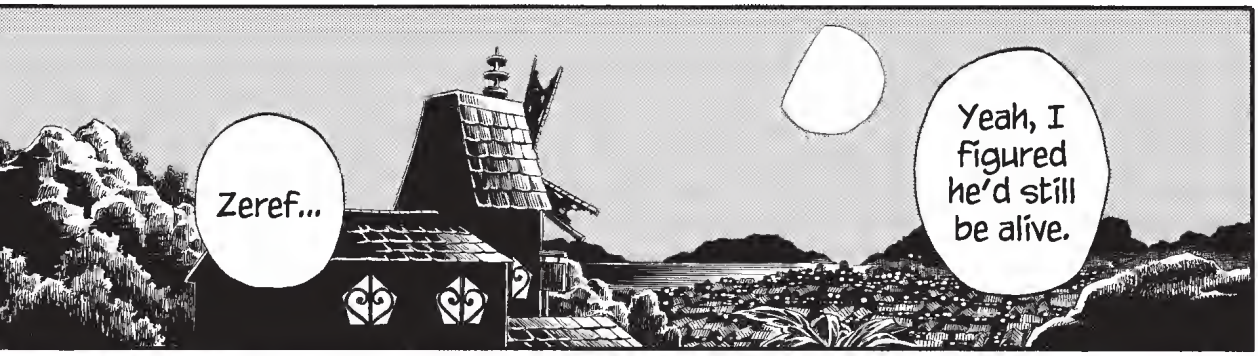
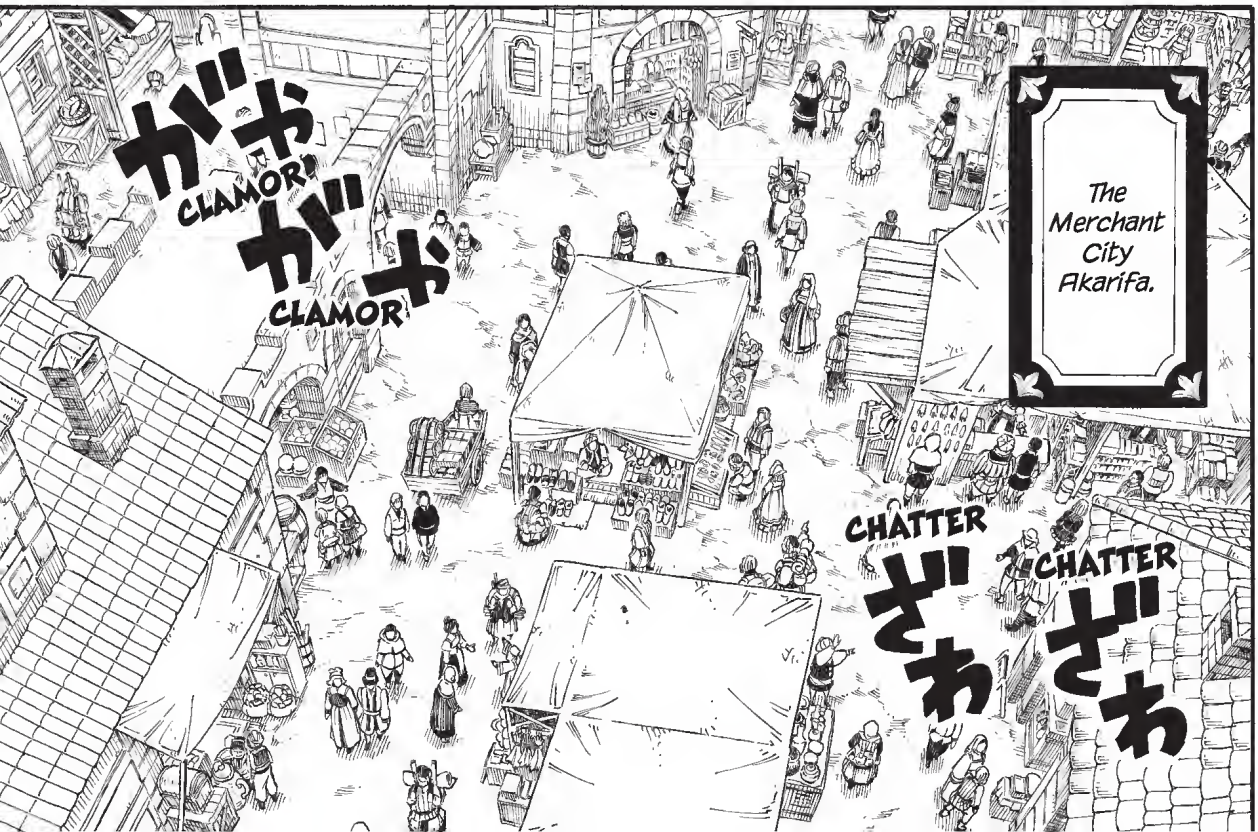
Hey, Bisca!
About Jellal... Actually...
Erza-san...


...but you must know about a certain guild first...
Makarov-dono, there will be a meeting of the ten saints in the near future, but...


Yeah, what's going on with them?
You know about two women named Ultear and Merudy?

Without it, the two of us can't...
WAAAH!!
Natsu!! You have to look harder!!
It's gone!! It isn't here!!!!


Zeref...
Yeah, I figured he'd still be alive.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The Merchant City Akarifa.
CHATTER
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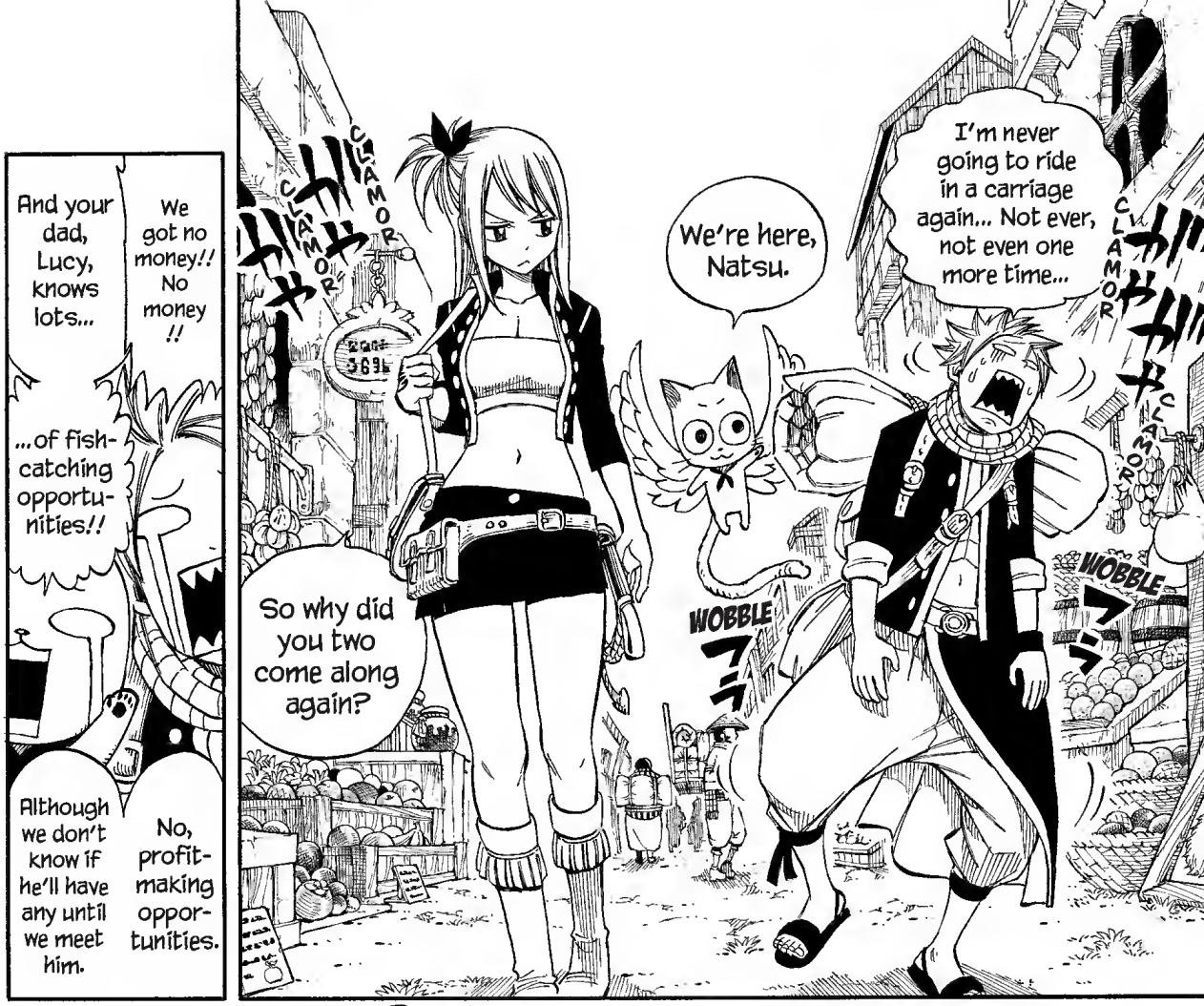
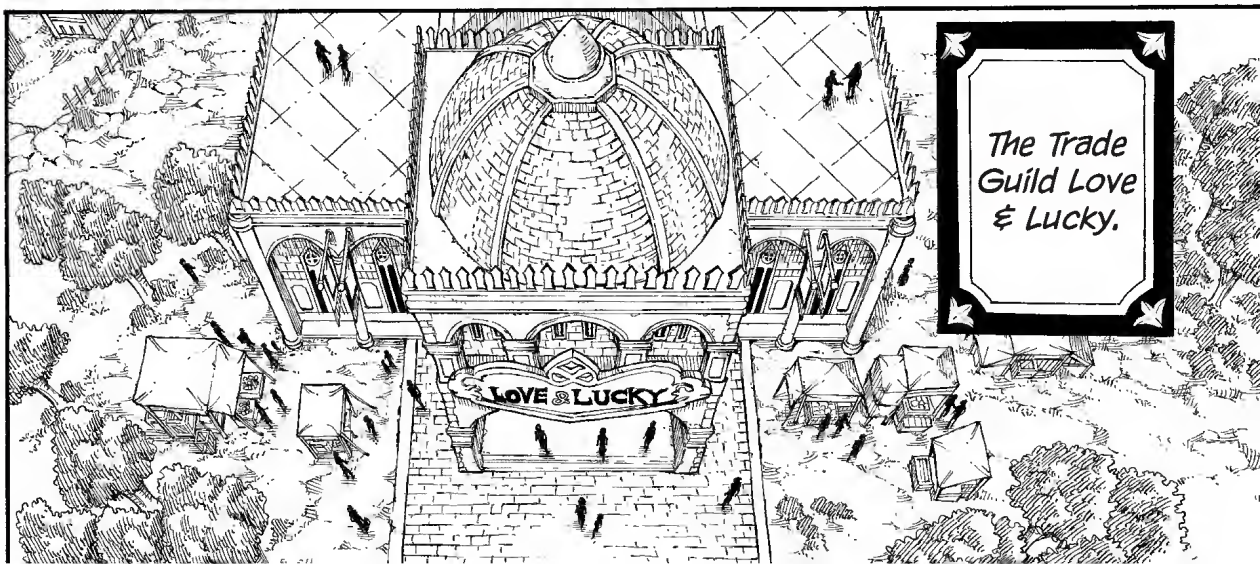
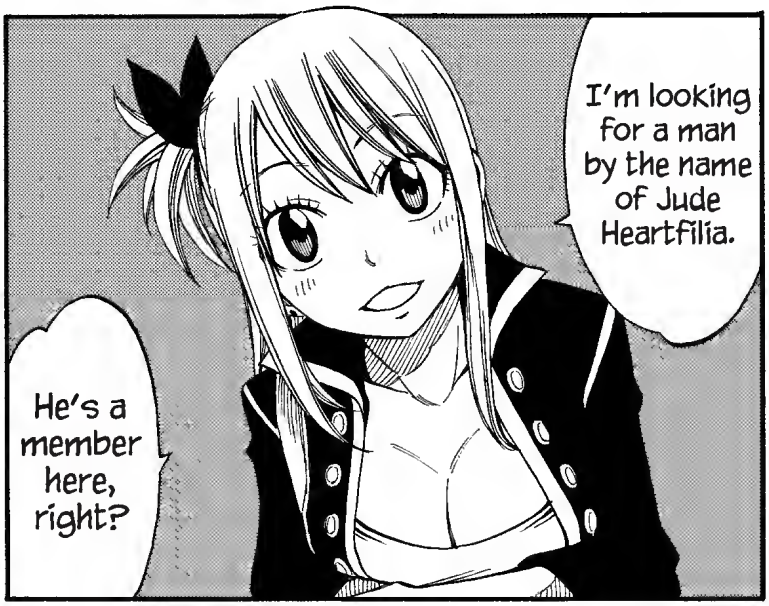

We got no money!! No money !!
And your dad, Lucy, knows lots...
...of fish-catching opportunities!!
No, profit-making opportunities.
Although we don't know if he'll have any until we meet him.
CLAMOR
So why did you two come along again?
We're here, Natsu.
I'm never going to ride in a carriage again... Not ever, not even one more time...
WOBBLE

Oh, dear...
And that's our food money! What are we going to do?!
My money box is gone.
But wait! You guys aren't in debt, right?

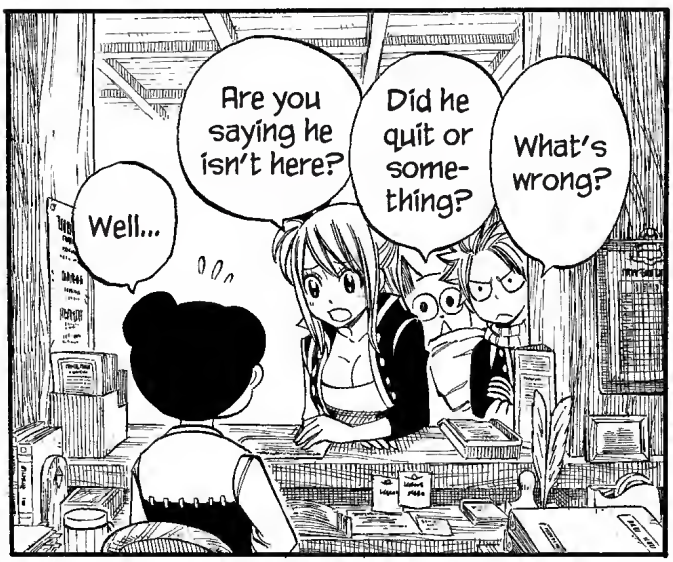

The Trade Guild Love & Lucky.
LOVE & LUCKY

Yes?
Um... Excuse me.

Ah...
You wouldn't be Jude-san's daughter?
Yes!

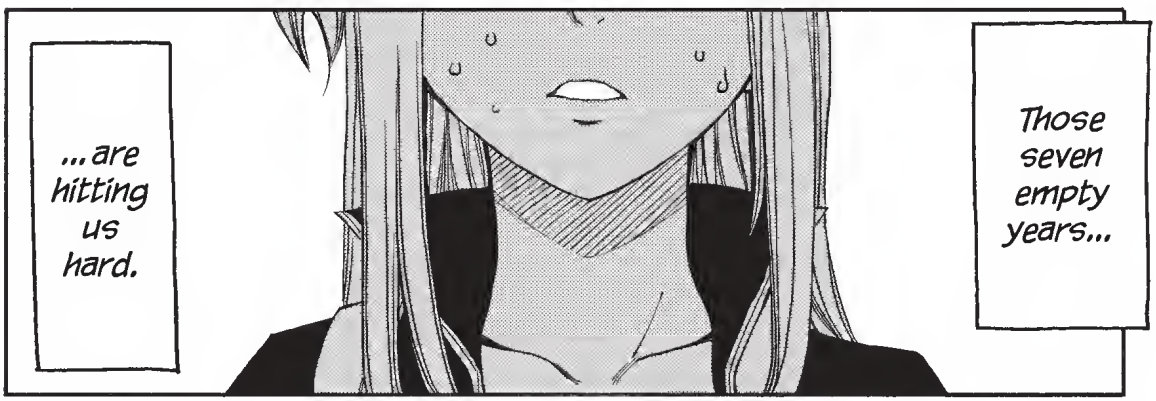

I'm looking for a man by the name of Jude Heartfilia.
He's a member here, right?

I shouldn't... be the one... to break this to you, but...


Well...
Are you saying he isn't here?
Did he quit or some-thing?
What's wrong?

...

A month ago, Jude-san passed away.
I truly am sorry.
LOVE & LUCKY


...are hitting us hard.
Those seven empty years...

FAIRY TA

Name: Romeo Conbolt

Magic: Rainbow Fi

Likes: The Guild

Dislikes: Tw

Chapter 25
Father's Se

Remarks

Son of Macao, the fou
Fairy Tail.
He's always admired l
"big brother," and is v
him. Ever since a poin
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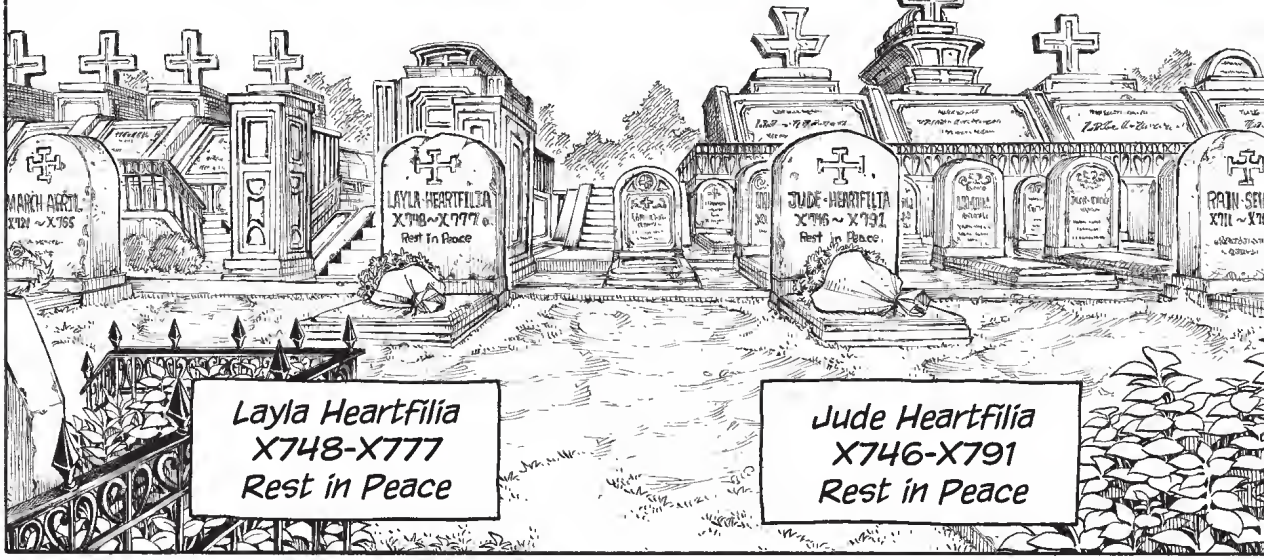
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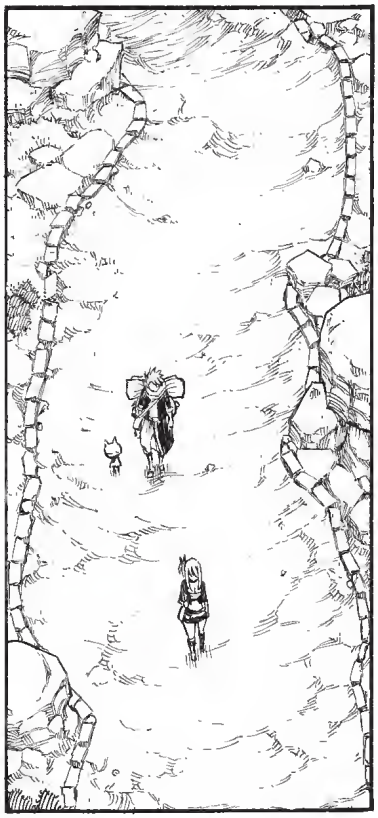

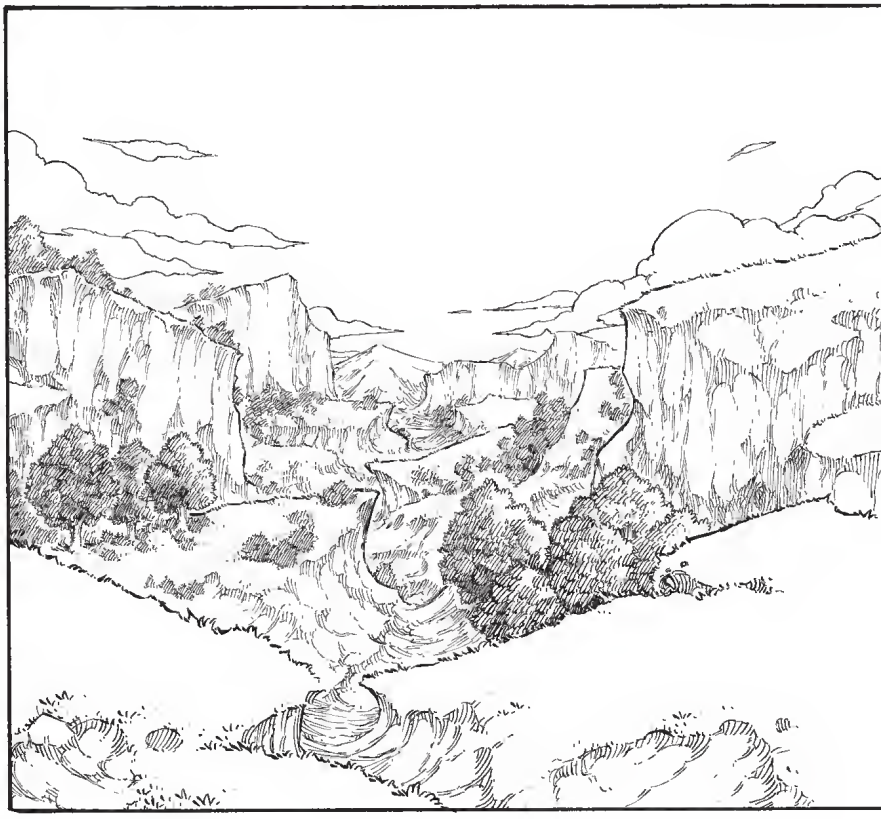

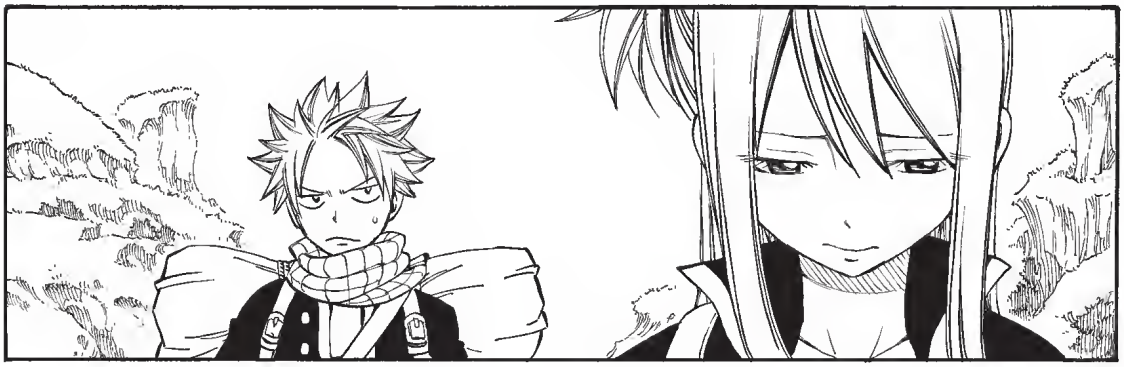

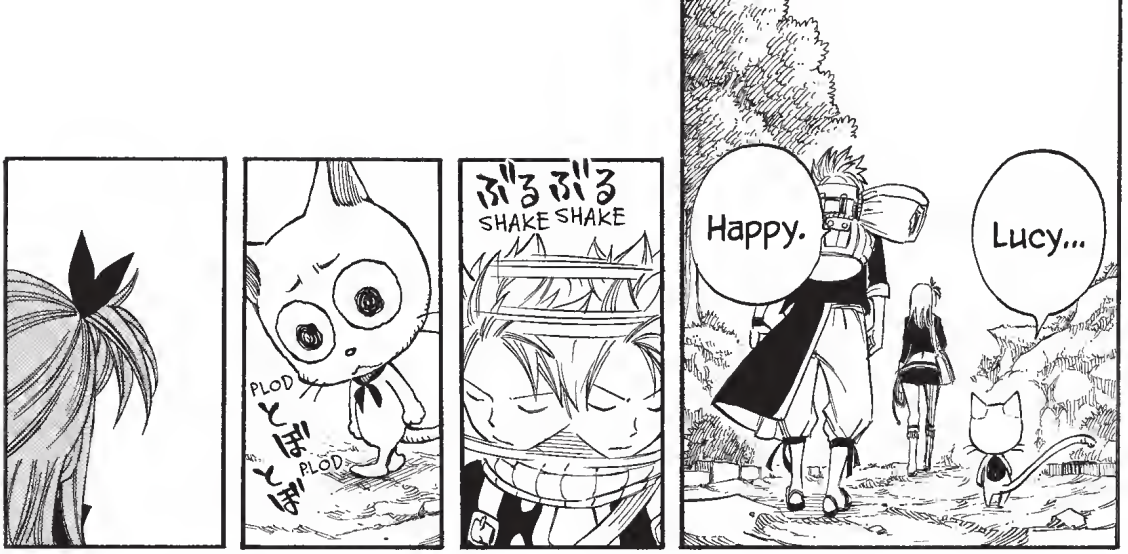
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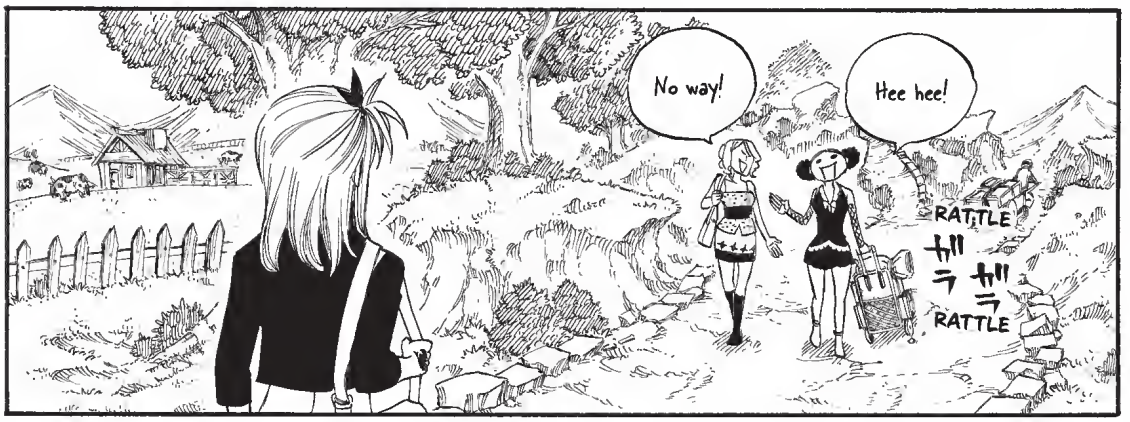
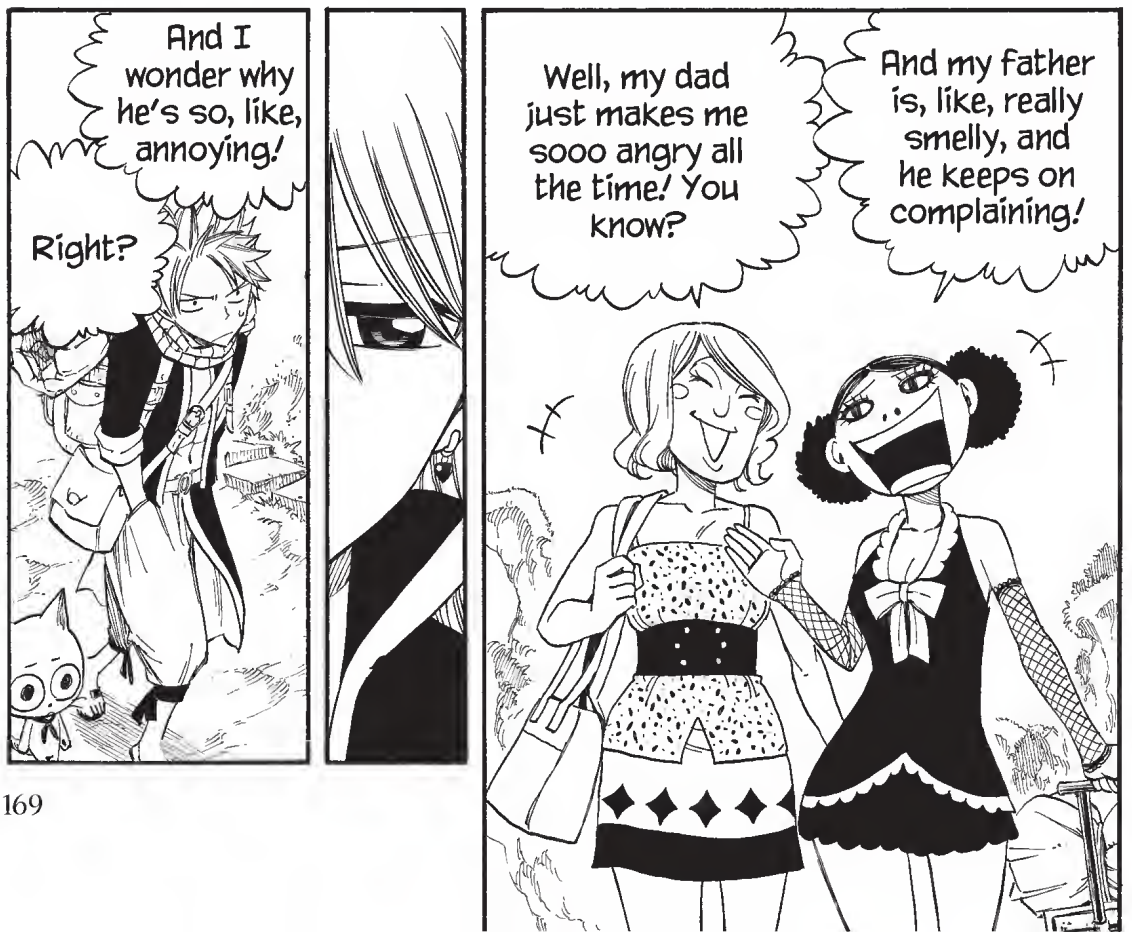
SHAKE SHAKE
Happy.
Lucy...


No way!
Hee hee!
RATTLE
RATTLE


And I wonder why he's so, like, annoying!
Right?
Well, my dad just makes me sooo angry all the time! You know?
And my father is, like, really smelly, and he keeps on complaining!

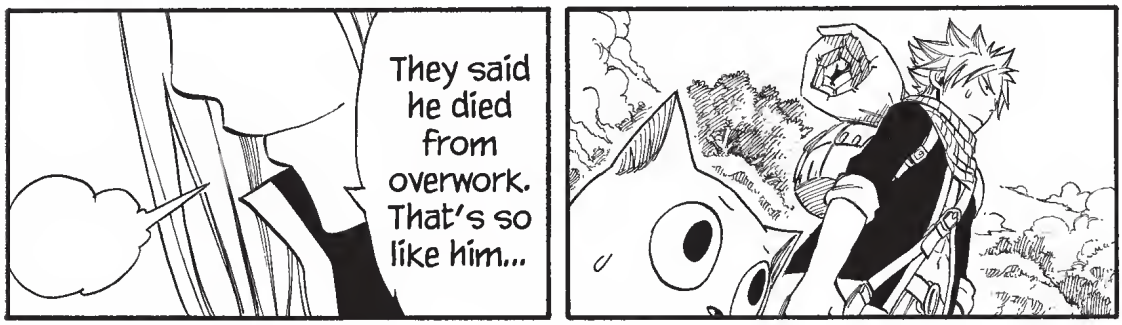
I know! I know, right?
I wish he'd just, like, hurry up and die already!
RATTLE
RATTLE
SHK
SHK
SHK
SHK

He should get a clue about, like, how we feel!
What's, like, up with him?
We got a mood going here!! Get a clue!!!
Hey!!!! You two!!!!

He's gross and everything, you know?
We don't want to be, like, anywhere near you anyways!
Get!!! Shoo!!
Shut up!!! Just hurry up and get outta here!!!

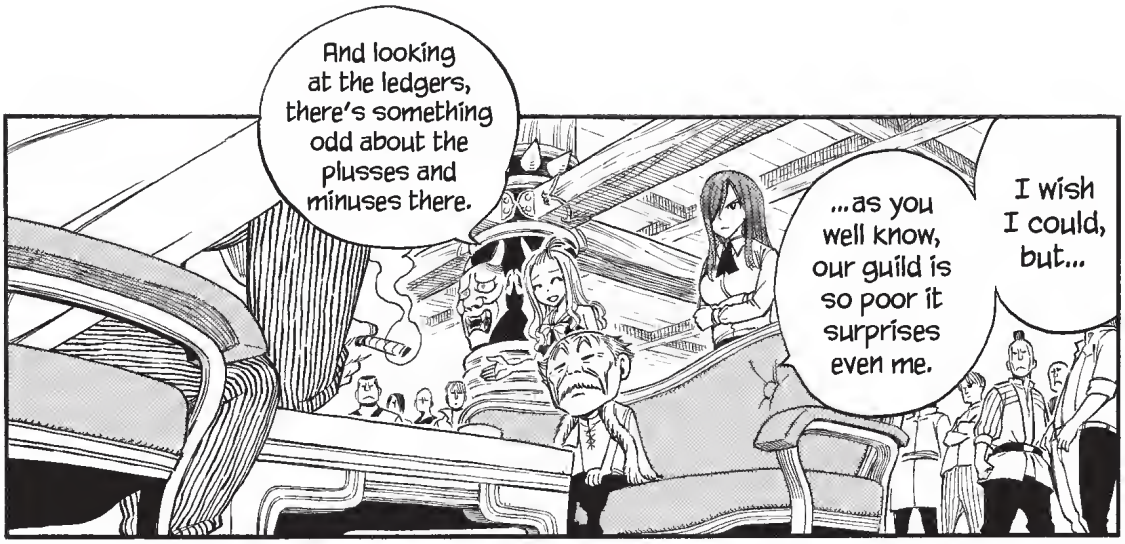
I'm sorry... to put you on your best behavior.
No, I just...
!!
Stop it.
Yeah... It's just the thing about my father...
... surprised me...
Lucy...? Are you all right?
...the last time I met my father in Akarifa.
No, I'm forgetting... It was seven years...
Only two months ago...

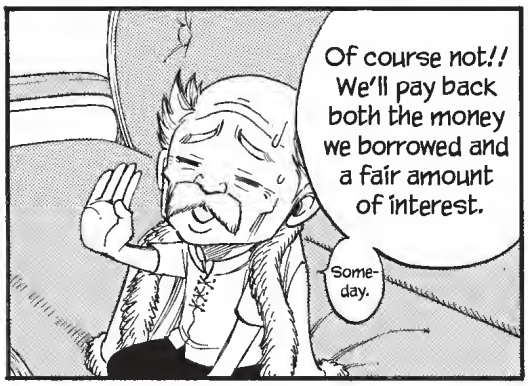
But... then there was that thing that happened in Akarifa, and from then on, it seemed to me that our relationship was changing for the better.
Ever... since I was little, I never really liked my father much.
And the Phantom incident made it worse.

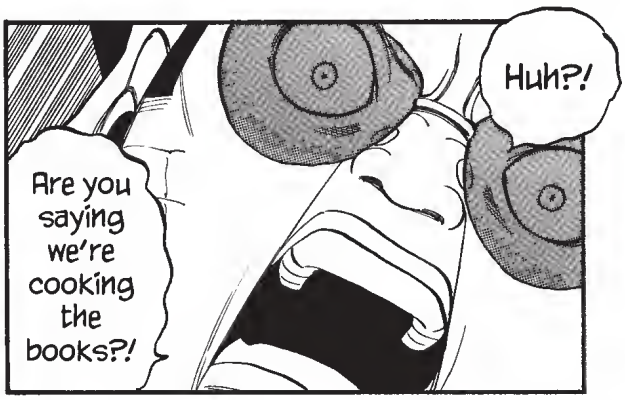

They said he died from overwork. That's so like him...

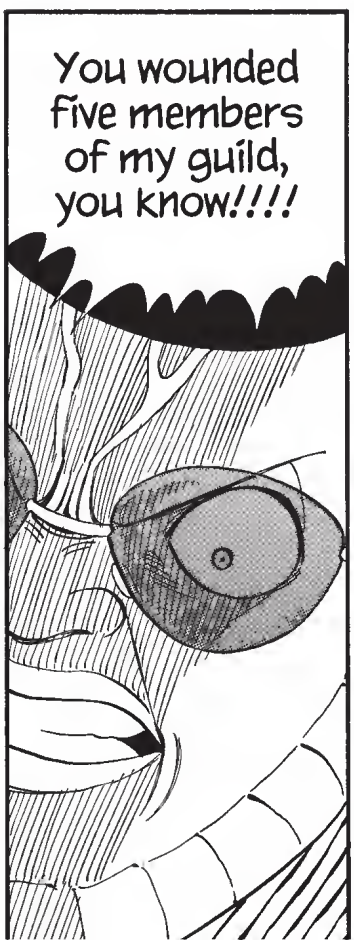
But why, I wonder?
I'm sad... I feel so alone...
But the tears just won't come.

I'm no good at explaining things, but I don't think it's about...
...whether tears come or not.
No, you're wrong.
I guess I still harbor hard feelings ...
Really... It's strange, but I think I may be okay.
Yeah. Thanks.
Like I'm saying, Gramps ...
Magnolia, Twilight Ogre...
You pay me in full, then we got no problems, but...
You wanna talk, but we're way past that.
TWILIGHT OGRE MASTER
BANABOSTER

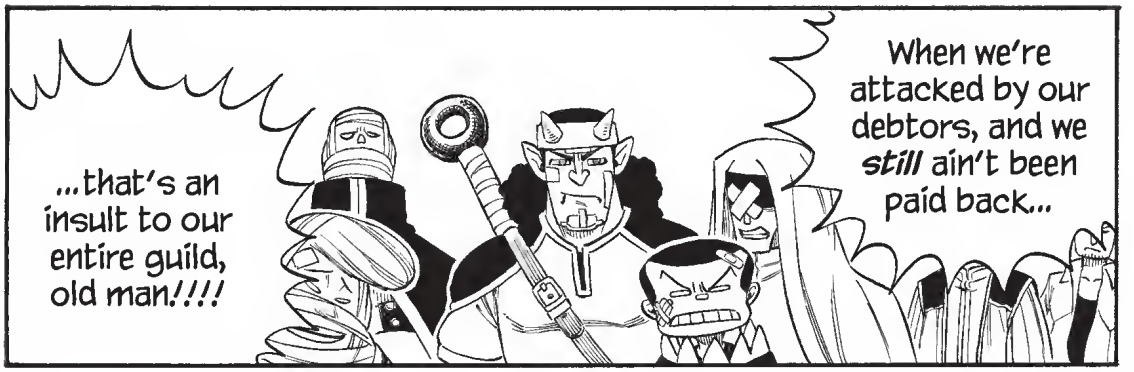

And looking at the ledgers, there's something odd about the plusses and minuses there.
...as you well know, our guild is so poor it surprises even me.
I wish I could, but...


Of course not!! We'll pay back both the money we borrowed and a fair amount of interest.
Some-day.

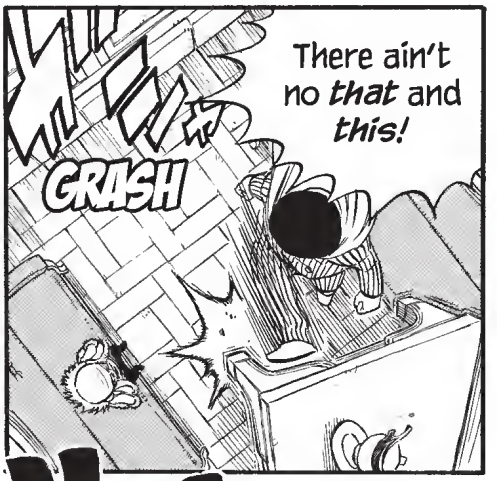

Huh?!
Are you saying we're cooking the books?!


You wounded five members of my guild, you know!!!!

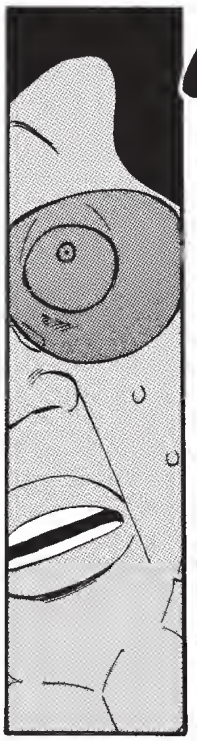
Now, now, hear me out.
The first thing to do is recalculate the interest a bit...
You're going to pay us *now*, you old fart!!!!
SKRRT


When we're attacked by our debtors, and we *still* ain't been paid back...
...that's an insult to our entire guild, old man!!!!

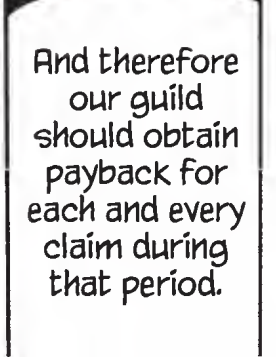
So, am I to take it that your guild's main belief is, "Get payback for what is owed?" Is that fair?


There ain't no *that* and *this!*
GRASH

Do you want to talk about *that* instead?
Oh? I'm only here today to talk about the repayment of a loan.



GWOOOPH
My children have, for seven whole years, suffered pain and tears, and you'll pay for that...


And therefore our guild should obtain payback for each and every claim during that period.

We've had seven years of property damage to our guild and attacks on our guild's members...

So listen, kid!
You're saying you want a guild war, right?
GLARE

Wait...
Uh?
.....!!!
KAGRASH
DOKAMM
BAM CRASH
HUUUUUUH ...?!!!
TWILIGHT OGRE
BAKA
BOOM
Sure brings back memories.
...it's almost like the guild of seven years ago is back!
But... when you see things like this...
I just can't compete with the master.
KABLAM
KABLAM
CRACK
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
Hey! Didn't he say that he was just going in there to talk and smooth things over?
DOKOOOOM

Wait, you were supposed to be in Akarifa with Lucy, right...?
Natsu !!!
What are *you* doing here...?!!
!!
PLOD
PLOD
PLOD
PLOD
Don't even think of it!! With you there, it'd get even worse!!
Don't tell me you want to get involved in this!!!
No clue...
What was that?
GOOOOONG
PLOD
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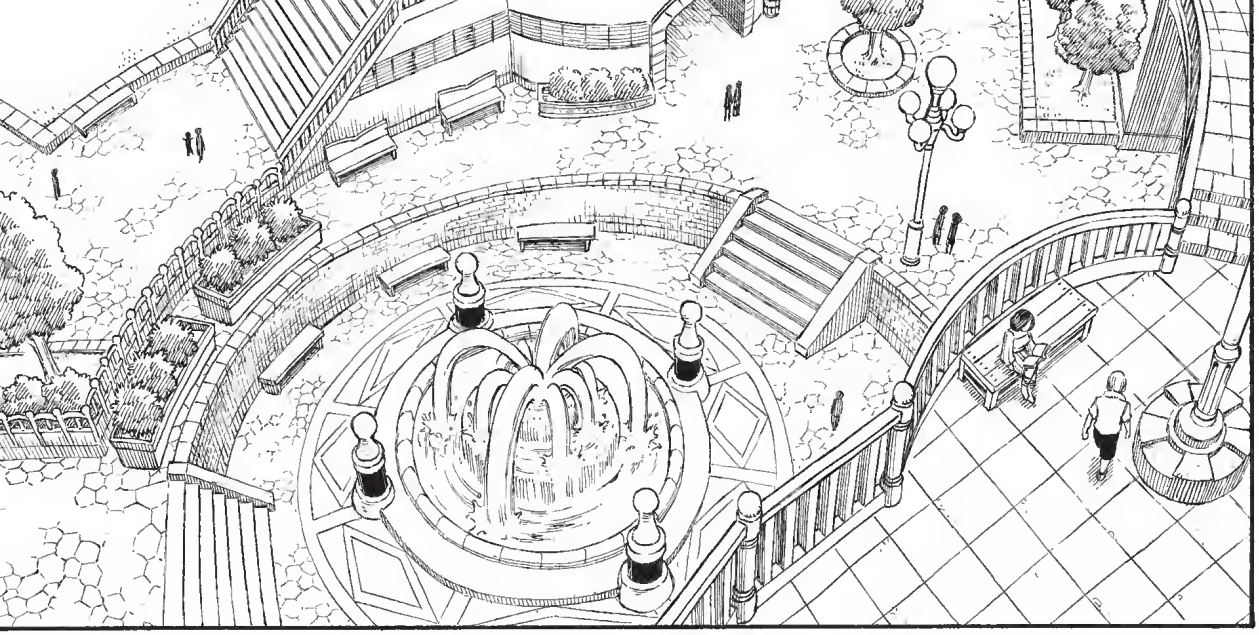
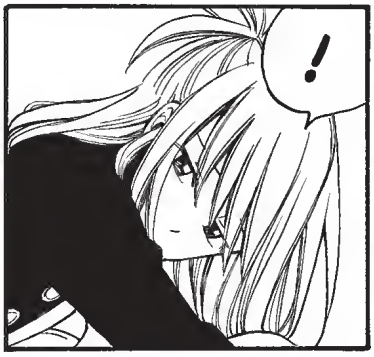
PLOD

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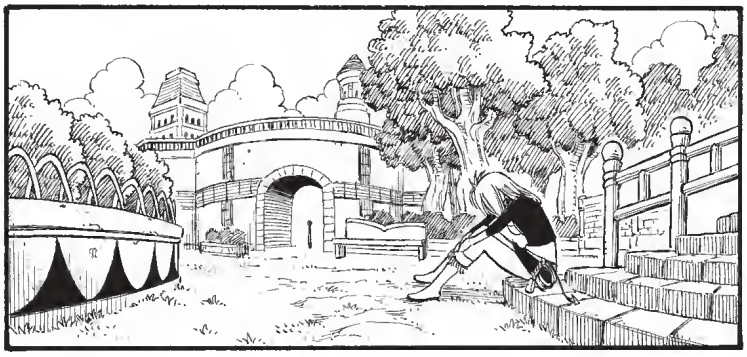

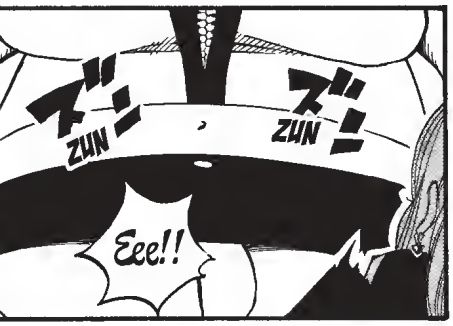
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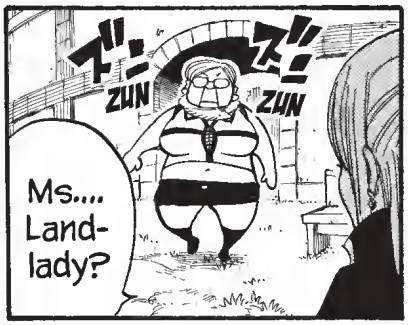
ZUN
Eee!!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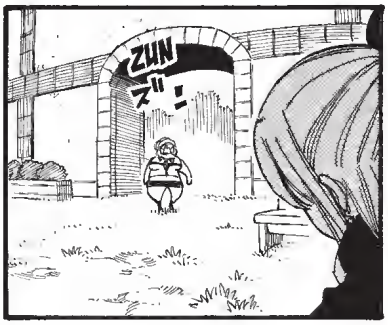
Ms.... Land-lady?


ZUN

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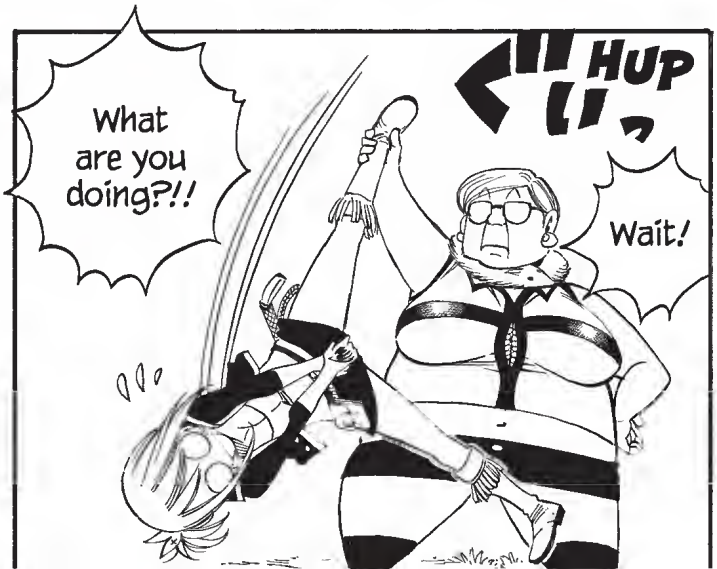
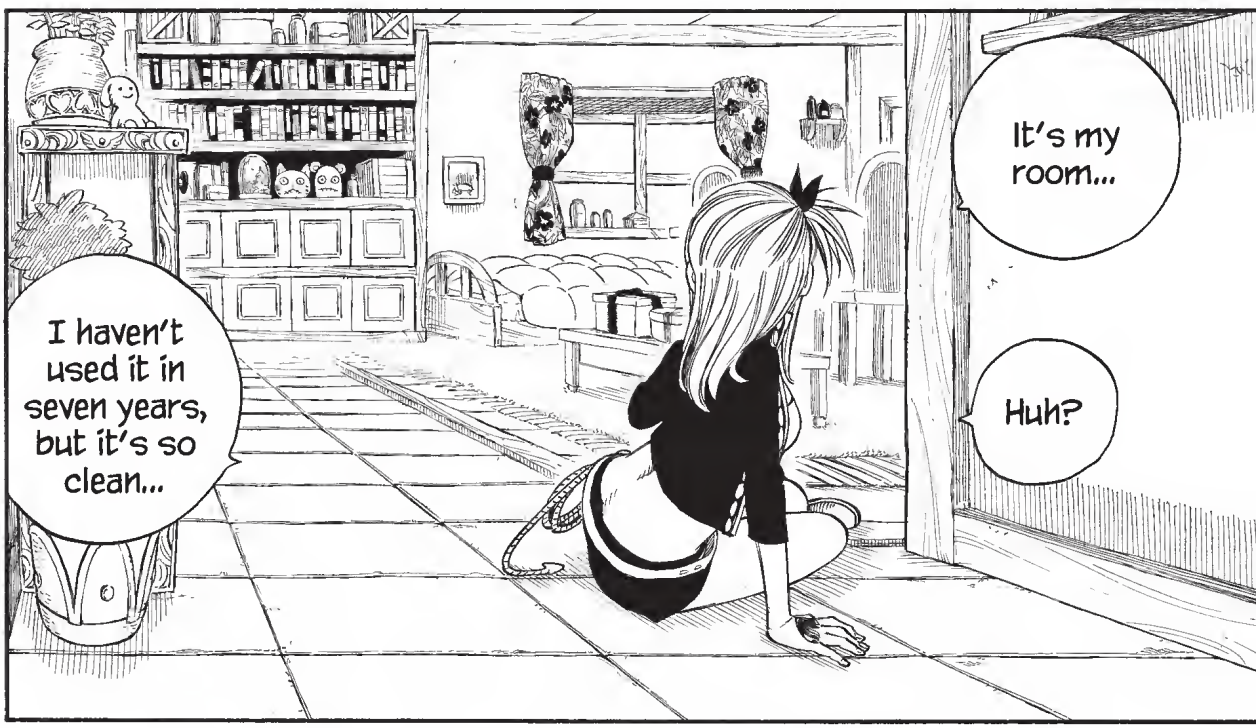
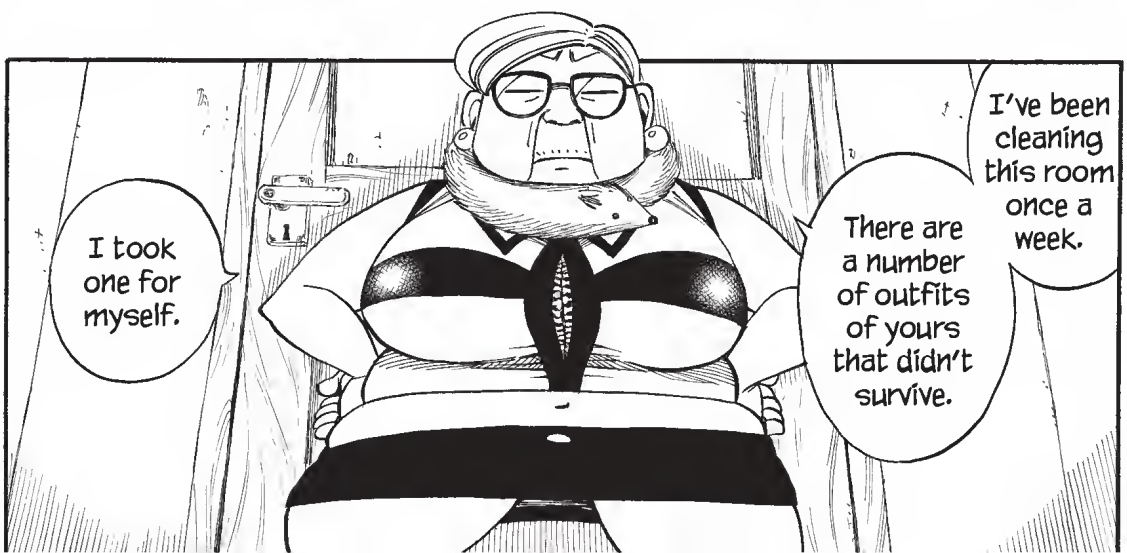
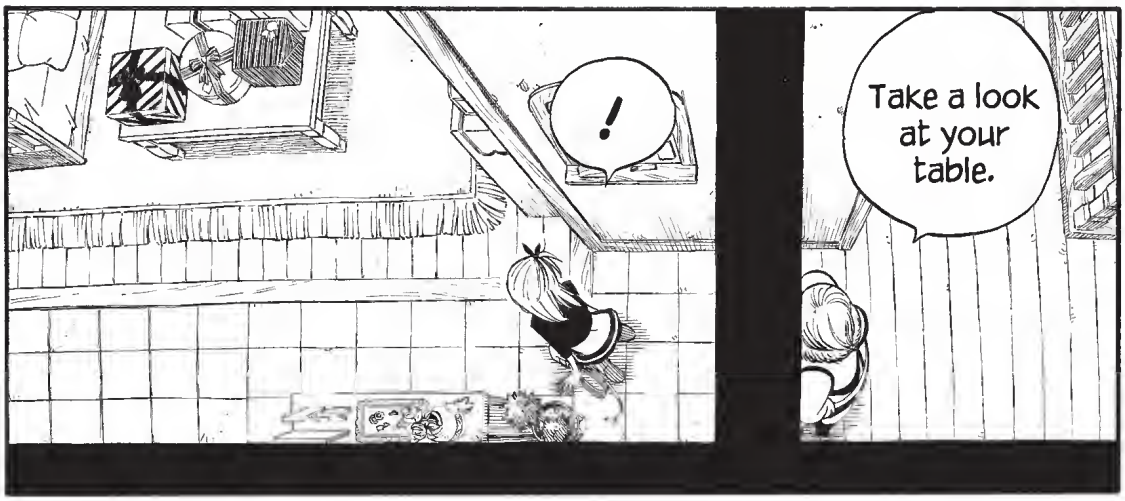
...help meee !!
Some-body ...
ZIGGLE
ZIGGLE
ZIGGLE


What are you doing?!!
HUP
Wait!

SLAM!!!
!
YAA!!


I haven't used it in seven years, but it's so clean...
It's my room...
Huh?


I took one for myself.
There are a number of outfits of yours that didn't survive.
I've been cleaning this room once a week.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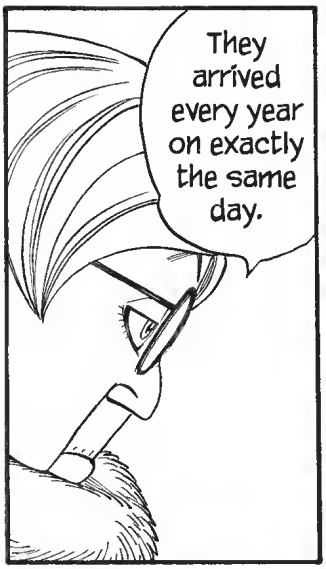
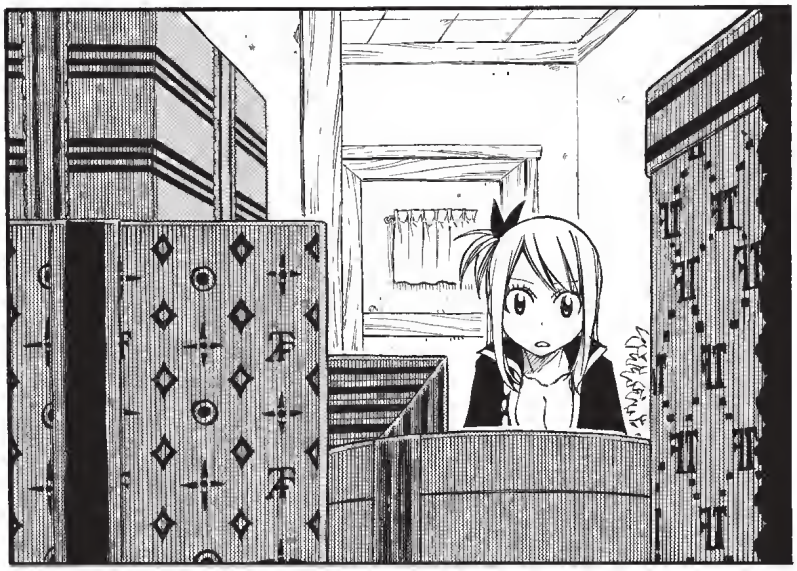
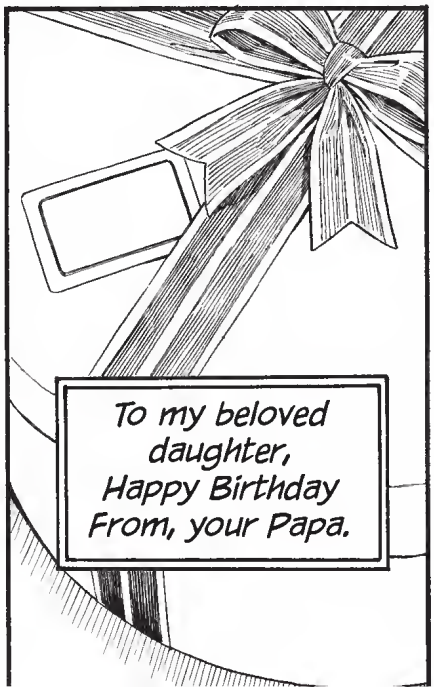
Take a look at your table.

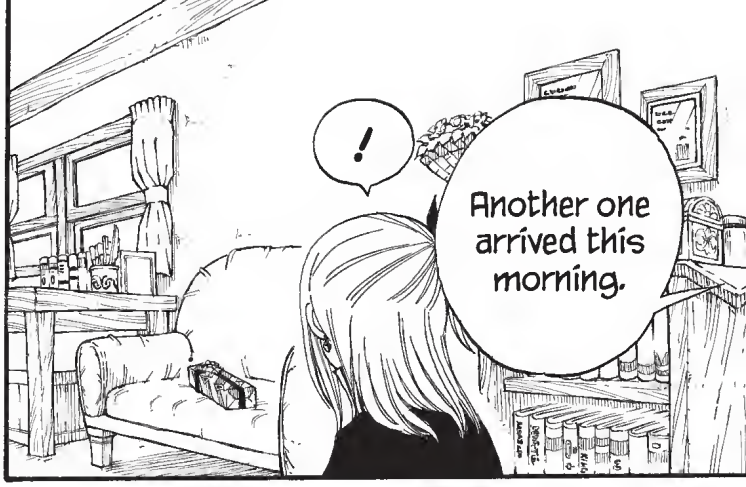

They arrived every year on exactly the same day.



It's my birthday.
SNIFF
He remembered ...
...my birthday.


To my beloved daughter, Happy Birthday From, your Papa.

FLIP
FLIP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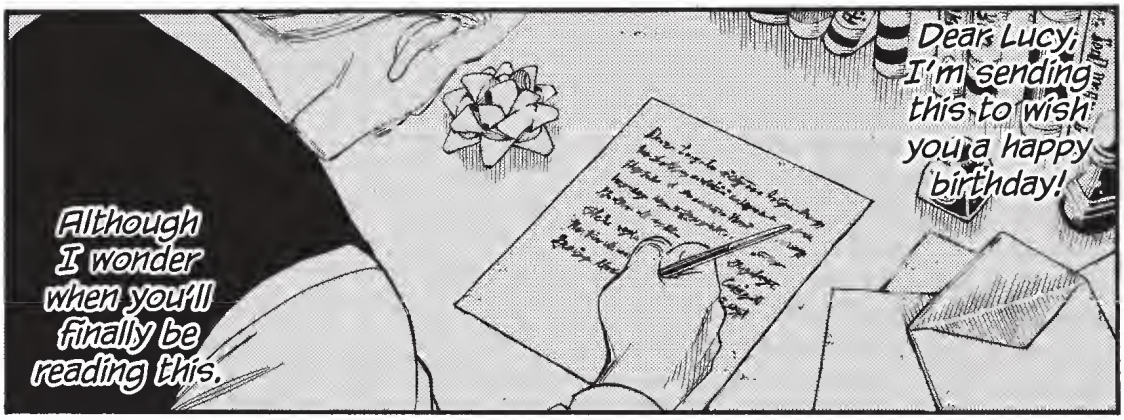
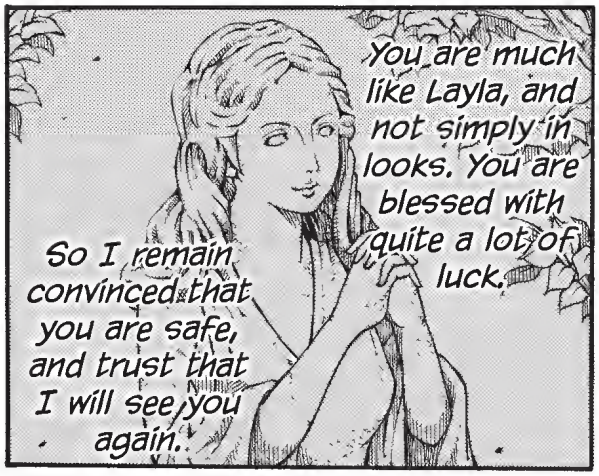
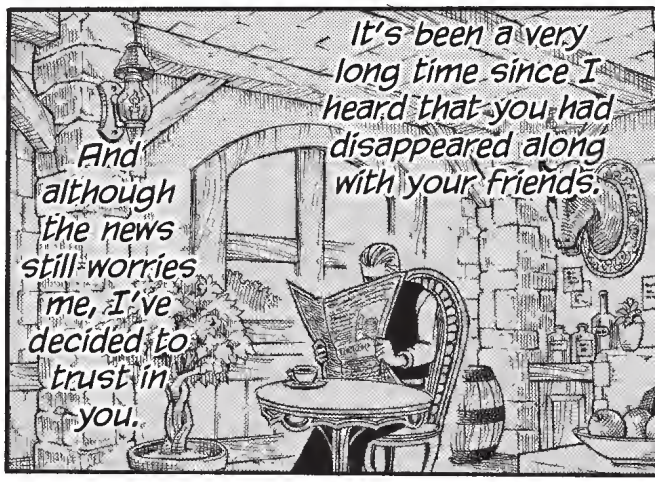
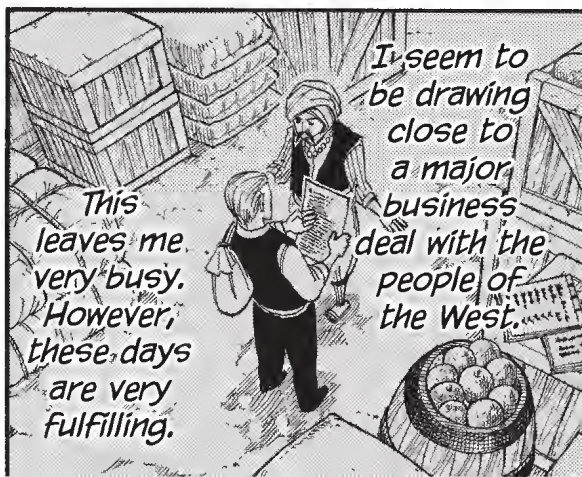
Another one arrived this morning.

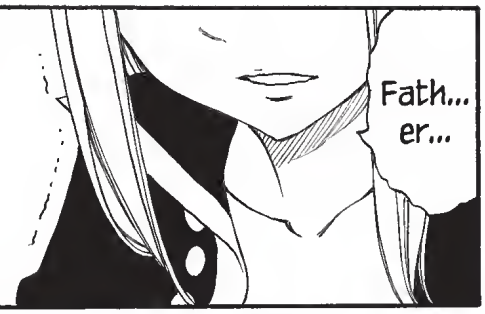

Dear Lucy,
I'm sending this to wish you a happy birthday!
Although I wonder when you'll finally be reading this.


You are much like Layla, and not simply in looks. You are blessed with quite a lot of luck.
So I remain convinced that you are safe, and trust that I will see you again.

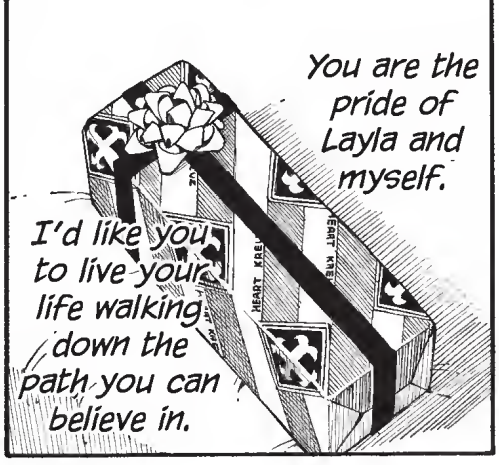

It's been a very long time since I heard that you had disappeared along with your friends.
And although the news still worries me, I've decided to trust in you.

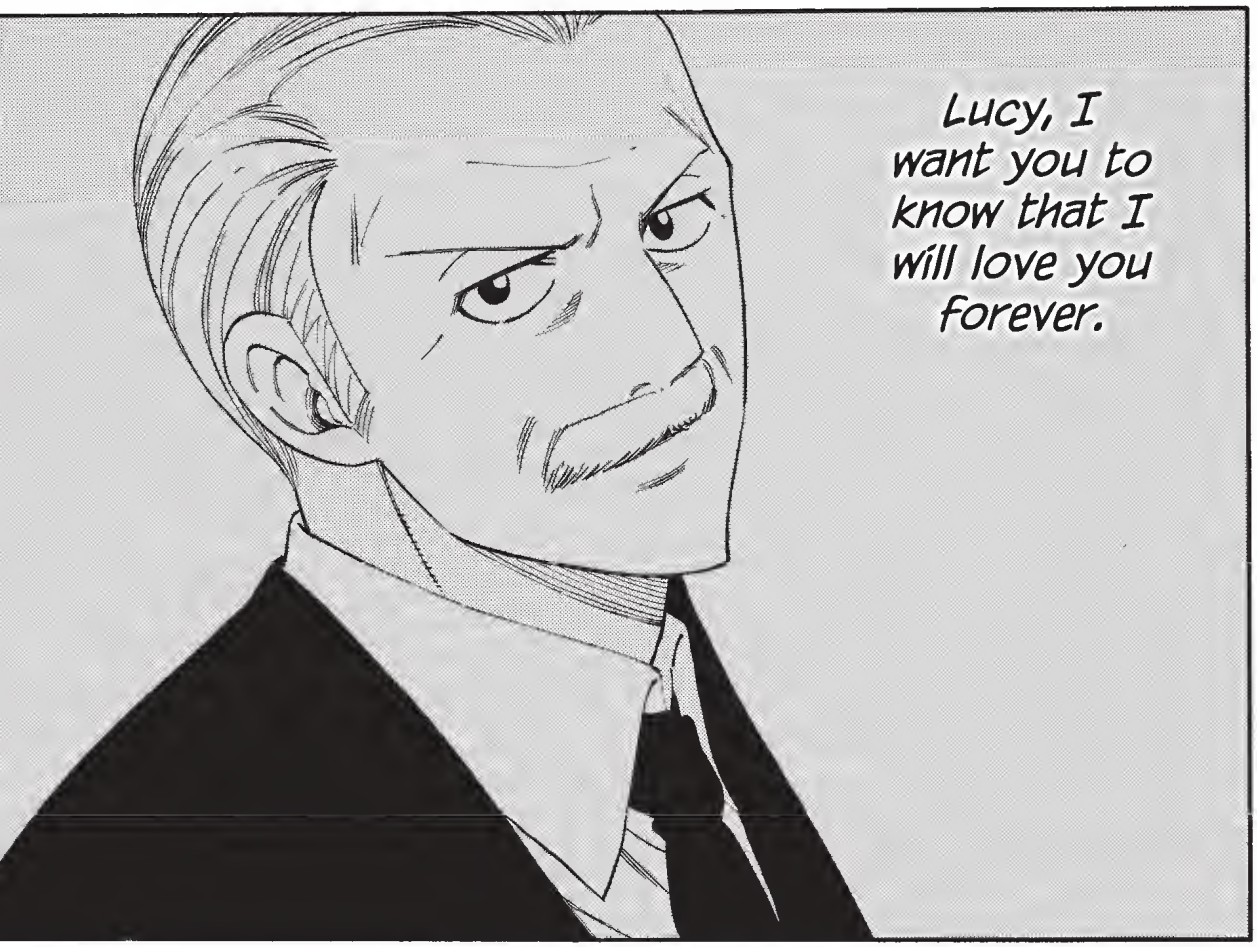
And I remember you and Layla every single day.

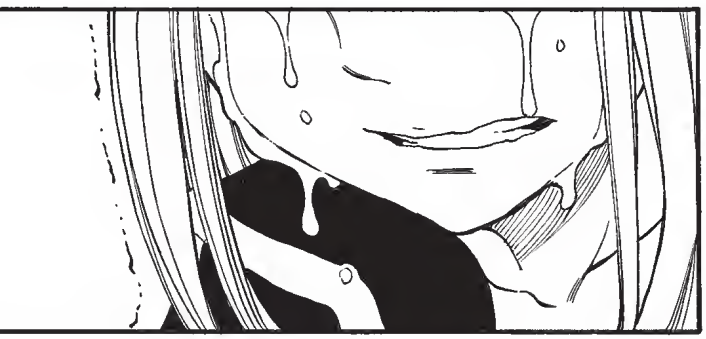

I seem to be drawing close to a major business deal with the people of the West.
This leaves me very busy. However, these days are very fulfilling.

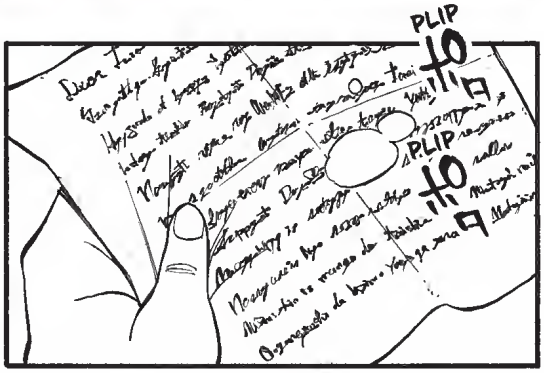


I want us to meet again very soon.









Me too...
SNIFF
I love... you too...
SNIFF

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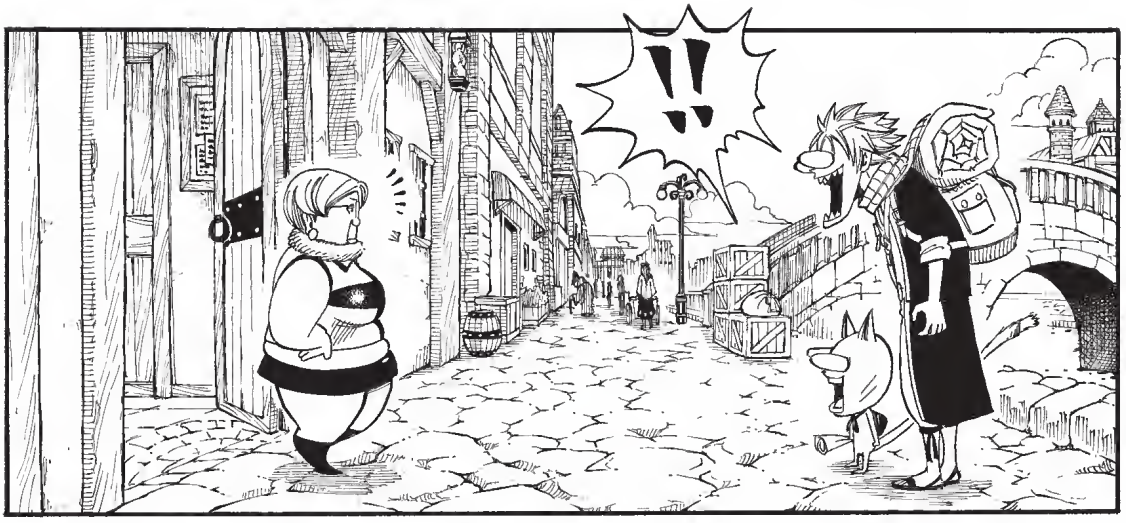
!!!!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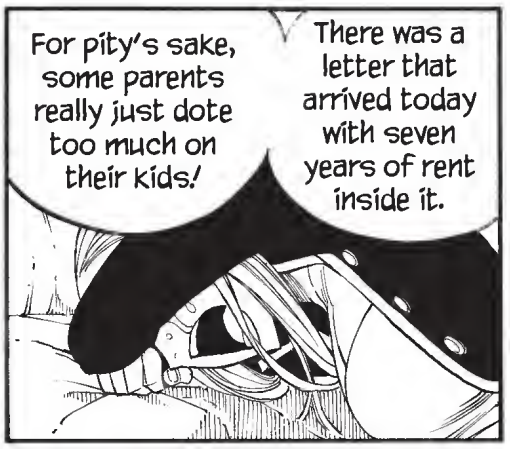
For pity's sake, some parents really just dote too much on their kids!
There was a letter that arrived today with seven years of rent inside it.

We came with a job.
But...
You should leave her alone for now.

Lucy !!!

Aye, sir!
We can't stick around here!!! We gotta get out on the job!!!
とTP
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DMP
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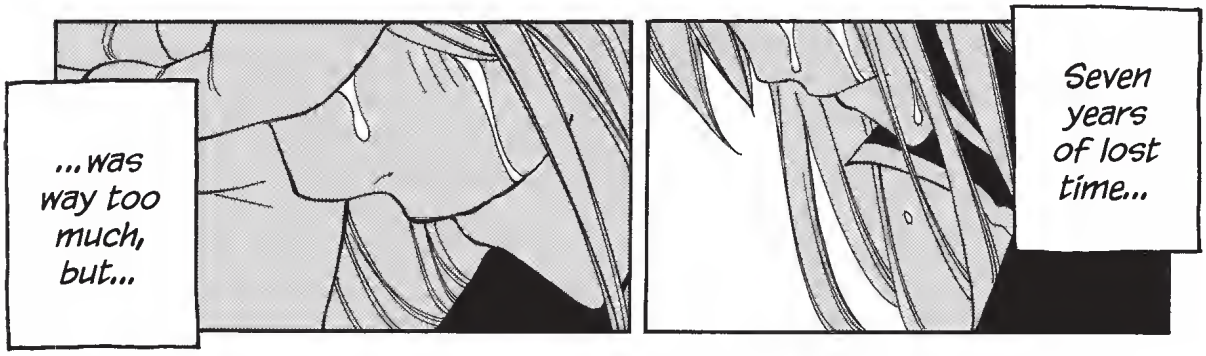
DMP

Meaning that the only ones who're coming up short are us and our food money?!
What ?!!



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Afterword

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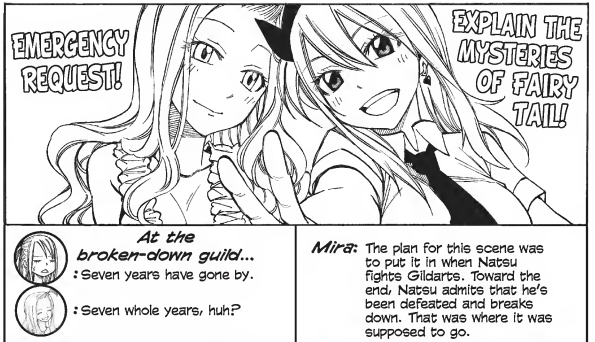
And finally the huge Sirius Island chapter comes to an end. It was long, huh? And there were lots of characters! (cries) The arc that follows on its heels is still just an idea, but it looks like it'll have **even more** characters featured in it that I'll have to draw! It's going to be rough! >_<

Now, the story has gone through a huge change, suddenly becoming a "seven years later" story. I'm sure there were a lot of you who were surprised, huh? When you're drawing a very long series, one way to add a fresh sense to the story is to have time advance within it. It's like a spice. It happens in so many stories that I thought I'd try to do it too, but with a slight difference. It's a pretty over-the-top plot twist to have time pass for everyone but twenty or so of the main characters. You don't see **that** in a whole lot of other stories now, do you? But it has its drawbacks, too. As time passes, the main characters usually get stronger and stronger (leveling up), which seems to be a standard for this genre, but in this case, that doesn't happen. (laughs) Everyone around them has gotten stronger, but they've stayed exactly the same. What's with that?!

And so, even though a lot of time has passed, this isn't really the beginning of Part 2 or anything. It's just going to carry on as the same Fairy Tail.

Now, the Japanese release for the next volume, Vol. 31, is going to have a special edition with an anime DVD included again, but in this one... wait for it... I drew the anime storyboards personally!! I draw the manga roughs all the time, but this was totally different, so it turned out harder than I imagined! Up until this last time, they were all stories based on my manga short stories, but this time, it was a wholly original story. There are all sorts of tricks and twists, so I don't want to give anything away via plot summary, but this is a story that answers a lot of questions, like, "What are those scars on Natsu's neck?" that I got in the early days of the series. Thankfully, the studio put in a lot of energy to take my terrible storyboards and turn them into a really high-quality anime! I think you'll find the story to be very fun! Look forward to it!



At the broken-down guild...

: Seven years have gone by.

: Seven whole years, huh?

Lucy: Honestly!! What is this?! What a stupid plot twist!! I'm sure we're going to get a ton of mail with all the mistakes that the readers have caught!

Mira: No, a lot of them are here already.

Lucy: Aw, geez! >_<

Mira: Now, the first question.

What happened to the scene of Natsu crying that Carla foresaw in Volume 24?

Lucy: We got this question a *lot!*

Mira: It's because the author is coming up with images without figuring out where to put them...

: Y-You're not supposed to say that...

Mira: The plan for this scene was to put it in when Natsu fights Gildarts. Toward the end, Natsu admits that he's been defeated and breaks down. That was where it was supposed to go.

Lucy: Looking at the two of them together, they're completely different!

Mira: By the way, Cana's scene is from Vol. 28, page 42, and the scene with the hand was from Vol. 27, page 61.

Lucy: That was *my* hand, huh? But, come on!! Natsu's scene was just too awful! I can see why none of the readers understood it!

: Now, now... Remember that this was just a "premonition." The future doesn't always turn out exactly that way. We can leave it at that, right?

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Continued from the left-hand page.

: That was an impressive way of running away from the problem.

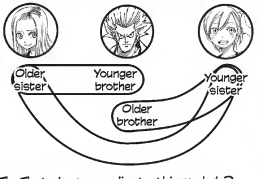
Mira: Now, the next question is partly about me.

Mira-chan, Elfman, and Lisanna are a sister-brother-sister combination, but when you write the kanji for kyōdai ("siblings"), how do you write it to capture the relationships?

: In an age where a lot of authors are writing their manga with the foreign market in mind, this question is about as "domestic market" as you can get!

Mira: Let's explain this especially for the sake of those foreign editions!

Lucy: Okay, what this question is about is when the word for "siblings" is written in Japanese kanji, they use the term "kyōdai" which is made up of words for "older brother" and "younger brother." There's also shimai, which is "older sister" "younger sister." But in Mira-san's case...



Th-That does complicate things, huh?

Mira: If we write it, shitei ("older sister" and "younger brother") then we leave out Lisanna, and if it's keimai ("older brother" and "younger sister") then I get left out.

Lucy: And if you just do shimai like we described above, then Elfman is left out. Hmm, that's a tough one...

Mira: I've done a bit of research on this, and it seems that when you have a mixed group like ours, you use all four kanji in the word, keitei-shimai.

: That seems kind of long and unwieldy, huh?

: We could also just not use kanji at all, using the hiragana, kyōdai. Maybe that's best.

Lucy: Finally, we have one more question that concerns Mira-san.

Could you tell me Mirajane's and Elfman's family name?

Mira: Huh? Haven't we ever mentioned it?

Lucy: Seems strange, but I don't think it's ever been officially revealed.

Mira: Our family name is "Strauss."

: Mirajane Strauss, Elfman Strauss, Lisanna Strauss... Really...? I never knew.

: Tswee!! Tswee!!

: And this little one shares the same family name too! Alexandria Strauss!

: So you've taken that weird-voiced dog... and officially made it your pet...

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Niigata Prefecture, Miyu Maruyama

▲Wow!! This is so moe! I don't know what to do! It's too cute!

Fukuoka Prefecture, Hiyoyokko

▲It would have been nice if they could all have had a fun childhood like that.

Fukushima Prefecture, Masami Kobayashi

▲This drawing is really cute! Wonderful♡

Nagasaki Prefecture, YOU

▲Woow!! This drawing's really good!! Apparently Gray is really popular in America, too!!

Kyoto, Marina Murakami

▲As I thought, this team-up is the best!!

It's the three who are always together!! ONP Plue is there too!!

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Fuku-chan

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Fuku-chan's Little Brother

▲I don't know. Happy and Plue are both incredibly cute!

▼Mother and child both sent in their pictures! And Mom's great at drawing!!

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Fuku-chan's Mom

REJECTION CORNER

Osaka, Wataru Tsuyuguchi

▲Gradually, gradually, the arrow tilts. What is with how surreal this is?!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Akiteru

▲That's soo good! A two-shot with Gray and Lucy! That's actually pretty rare.

Saitama Prefecture, Aika Kubo

▲Merudy! Yes, she's scheduled to show up again.

Osaka, Macaroon

▲The big bad wolf is going to eat you! But wait, the big bad wolf is Plue!

Gunma Prefecture, Alice

▲An over-the-shoulder Mira-chan. The question corner this time was filled with Mira-chan's secrets!

Don't know what everyone is saying, but they're all so cute!

Shiga Prefecture, Yuka Sakano

Whoa, cute!! I'd like to see these come out as mascots!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Kuroneko

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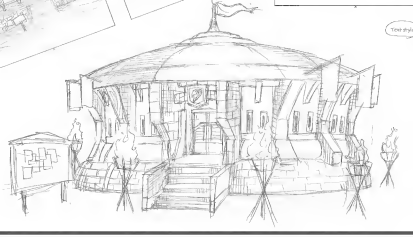

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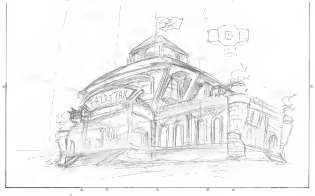
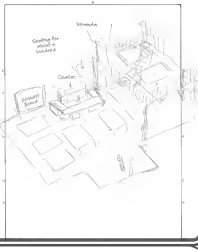




FROM HIRO MASHIMA

I went to a signing in New York City, and these are a few of the Fairy Tail cosplayers who were nice enough to meet me there. There were plenty more! In fact, so many people came out to see me that words can't express my gratitude. I've gotten a renewed enthusiasm to make sure my stories are aimed at the whole world! Also, that Ichiya costume looked almost too good! (laughs). I'm so happy there are people in America who see how good that character is.

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

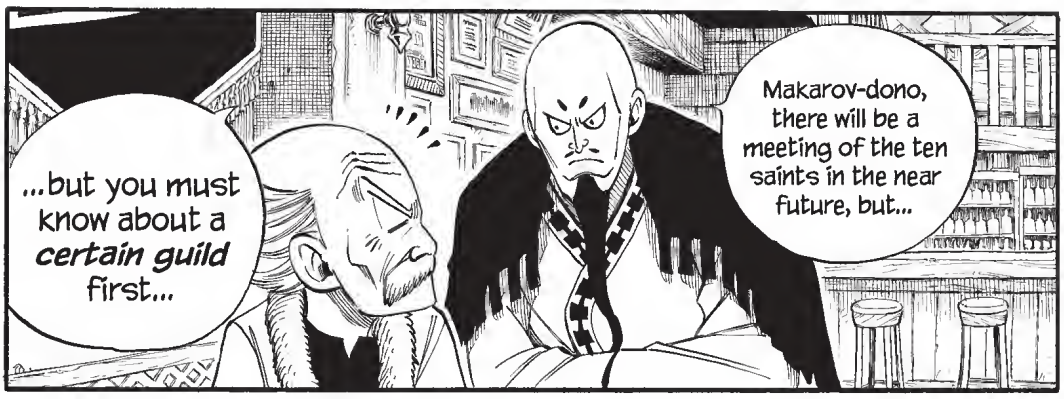
Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 159, 5,880,000 Jewels

As we mentioned back in the notes of Volume 1, the currency in Earth-land is based essentially on Japanese currency, and a quick way to get an approximate idea of how much they're talking about in dollars is to take off the final two digits (the final two zeros). Then, you would get the number "58,800," or something on the order of about $60,000. Not as bad as six million, but still way out of the range of a teenager like Lucy.

Page 162, -dono

As mentioned in previous notes, *-dono* is an honorific much like *-sama*, one that indicates a lot of respect. But it is also somewhat archaic and is not used in everyday society. It gives off a sort of medieval feel.



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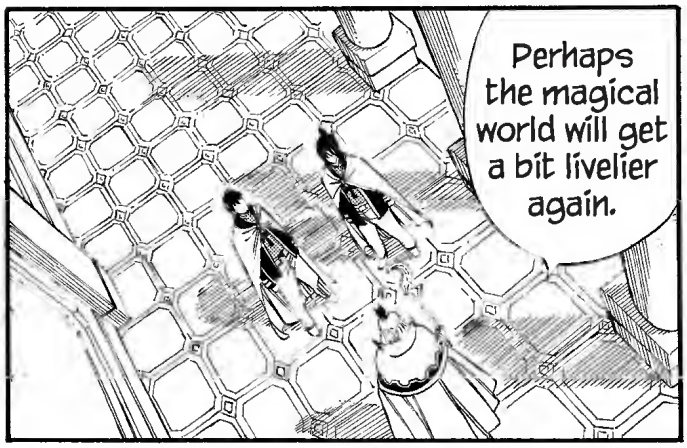
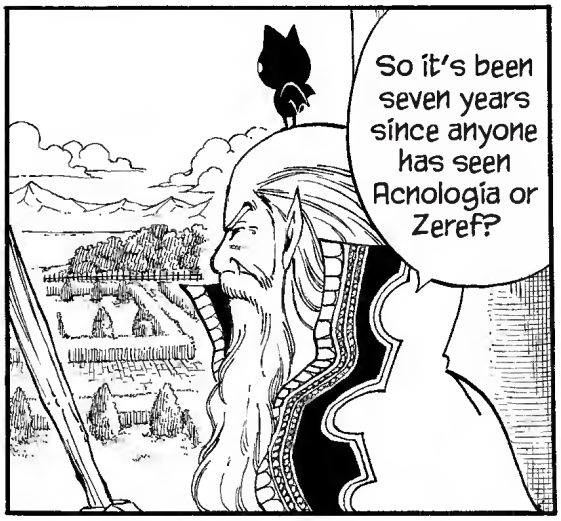
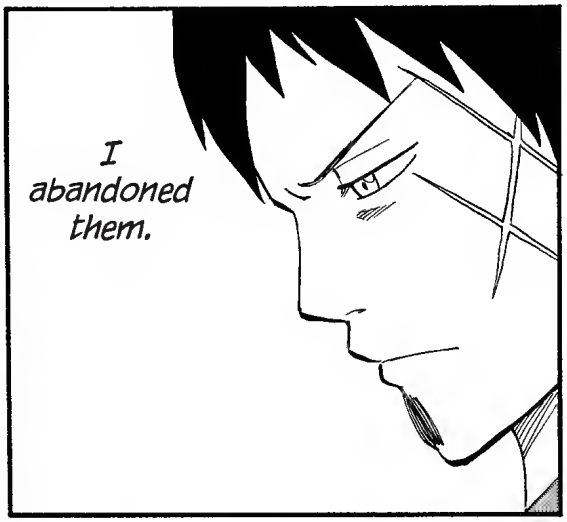
The Magic Council, Era.
Master Org, welcome back from your meeting.
Mm.
Has the council come to a resolution regarding inter-guild commerce regulations?
No... That will take some time.
More importantly, have you heard the news yet?
MAGIC COUNCIL
ELDER ORG

...
You mean of the return of the main members of the Fairy Tail guild?
MAGIC COUNCIL
DORANBALT
MAGIC COUNCIL
LAHAR

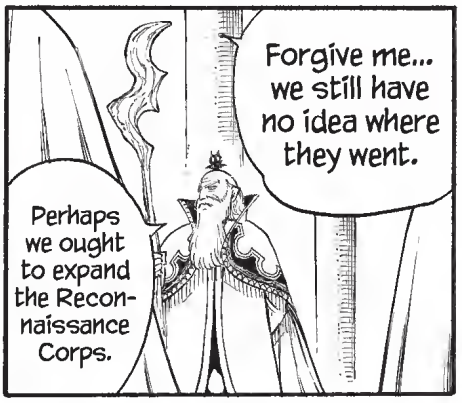

Perhaps the magical world will get a bit livelier again.

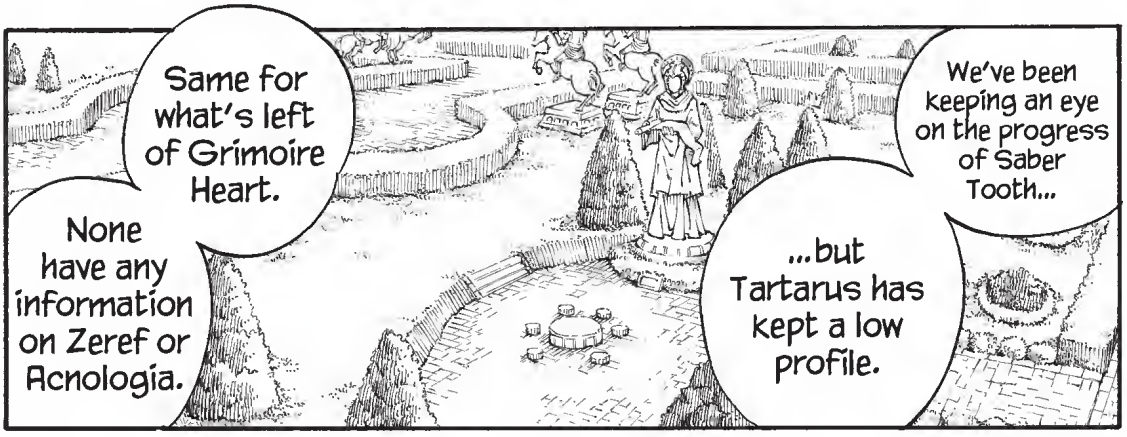
I...
That's one weight lifted off your shoulders, right, Doranbalt?


So it's been seven years since anyone has seen Acnologia or Zeref?

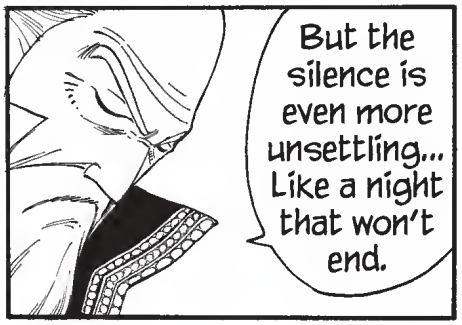

I abandoned them.

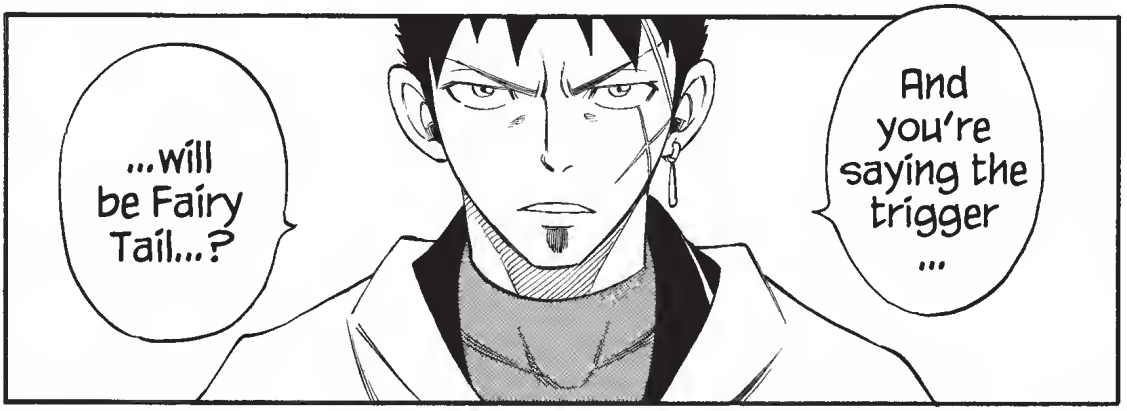
These seven years have been too quiet.


Forgive me... we still have no idea where they went.
Perhaps we ought to expand the Reconnaissance Corps.


Same for what's left of Grimoire Heart.
None have any information on Zeref or Acnologia.
We've been keeping an eye on the progress of Saber Tooth...
...but Tartarus has kept a low profile.

I think it's about time for daybreak.
Perhaps it will signal a new dawn for the magical world.


But the silence is even more unsettling... Like a night that won't end.


...will be Fairy Tail...?
And you're saying the trigger ...

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Fwah ha ha ha!
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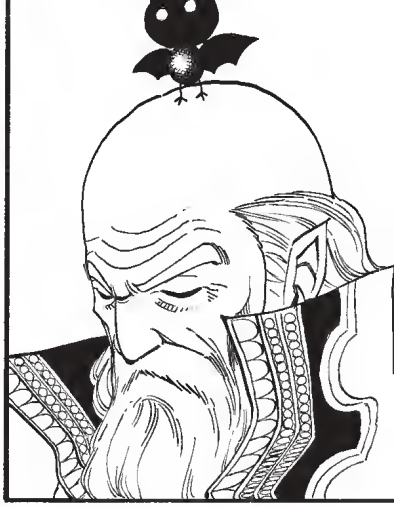
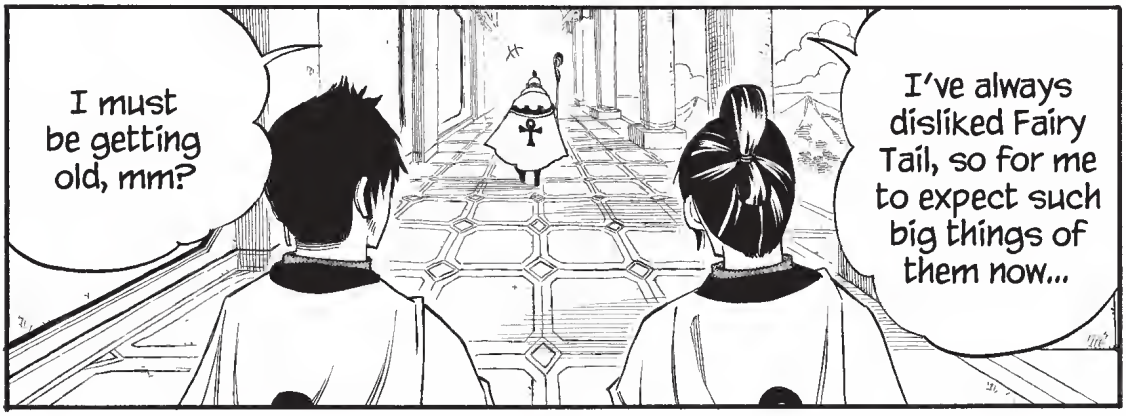
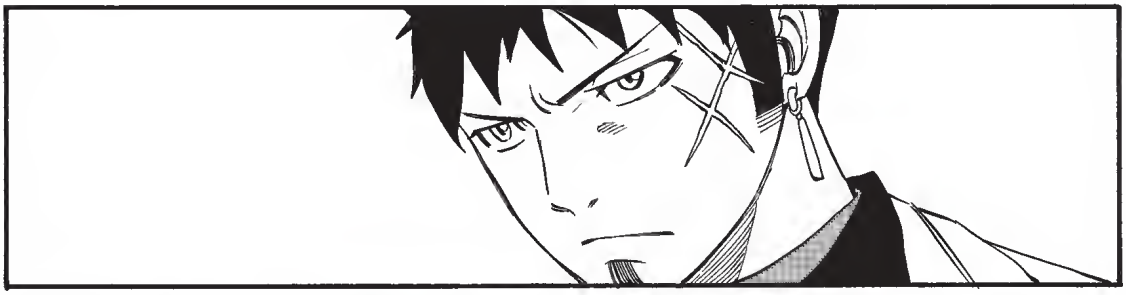
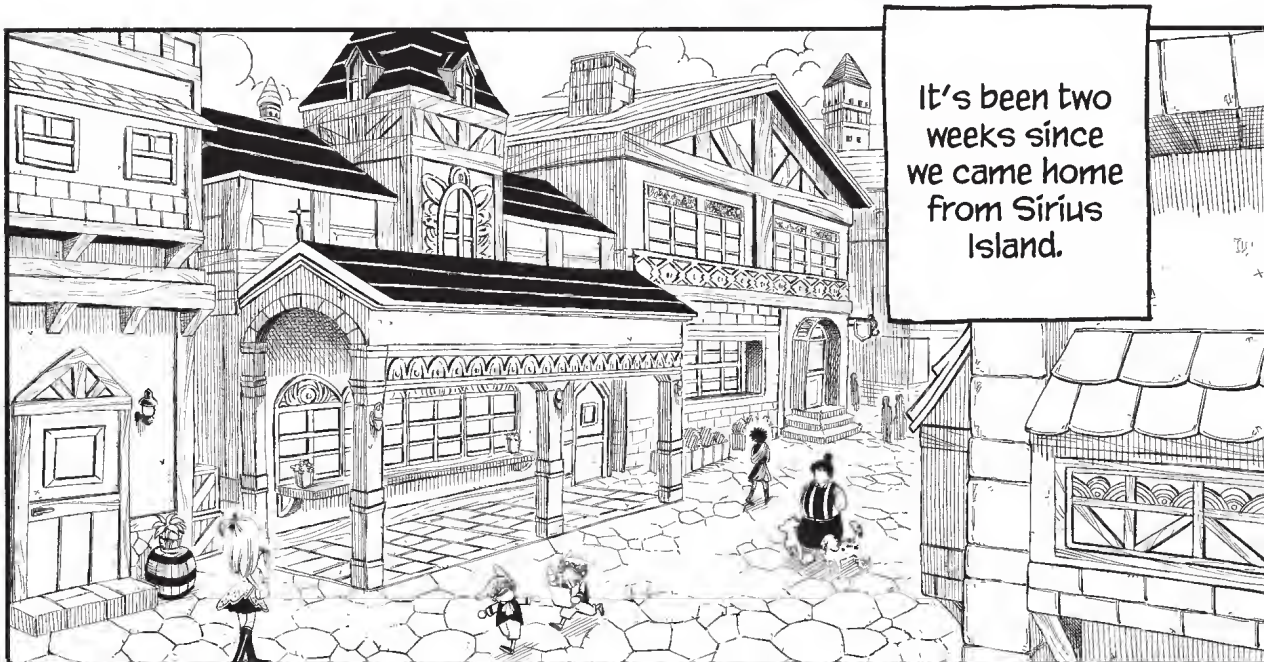
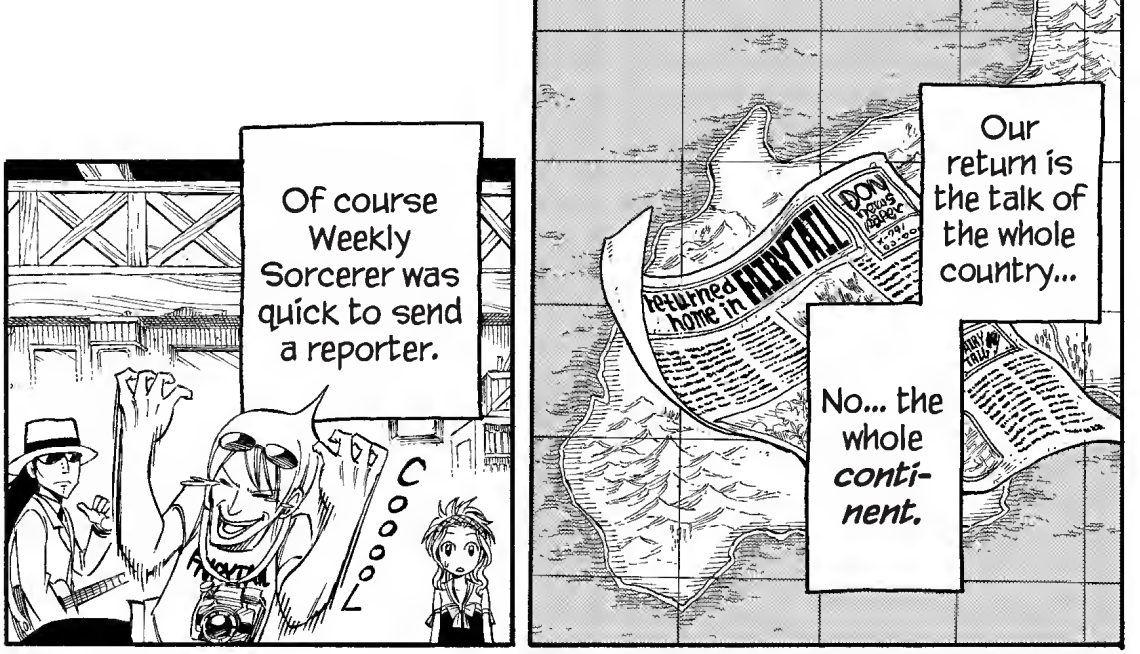


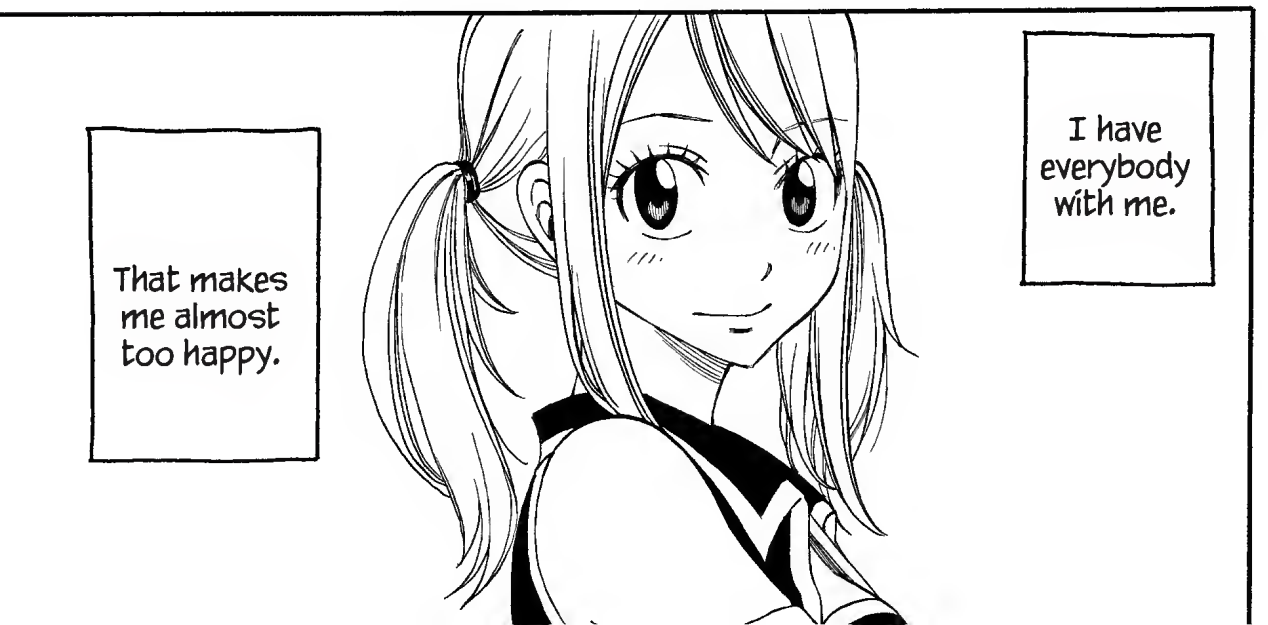

I must be getting old, mm?
I've always disliked Fairy Tail, so for me to expect such big things of them now...




It's been two weeks since we came home from Sirius Island.

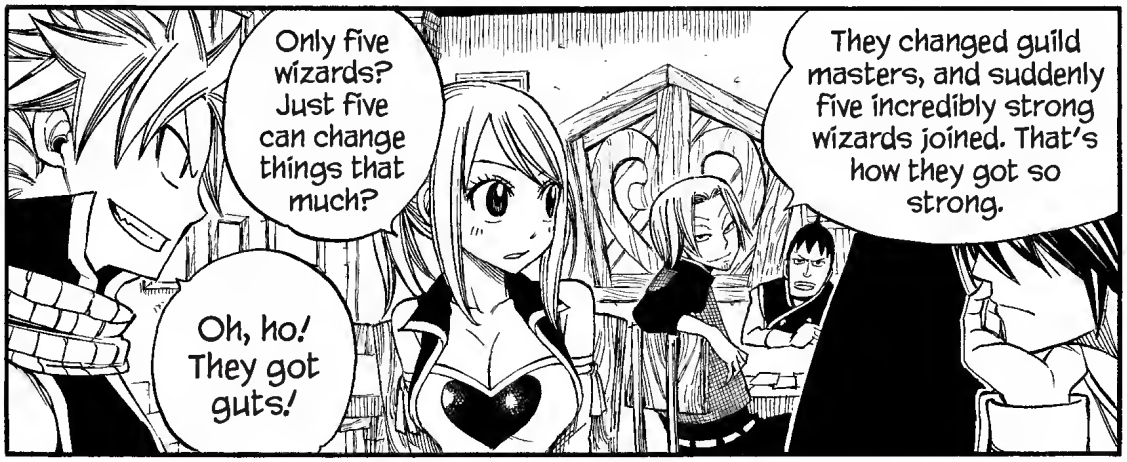

Our return is the talk of the whole country...
returned home in FAIRY TAIL
No... the whole *continent.*
Of course Weekly Sorcerer was quick to send a reporter.
Cooool

And little by little, I'm recovering from the news about my father.
Everyone treats each day like a festival, making up for seven years of lost time.

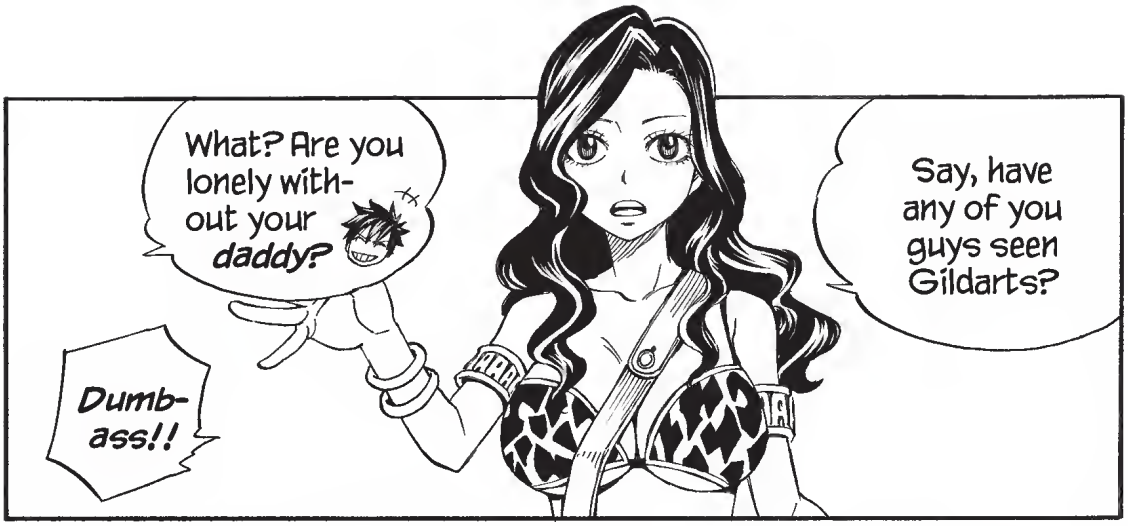

I have everybody with me.
That makes me almost too happy.

Saber Tooth?
Like the saber-toothed tiger.

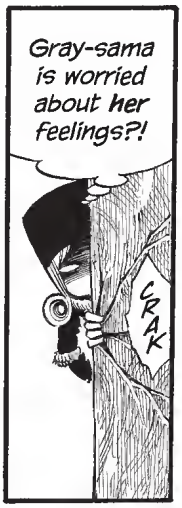
They didn't stand out so much seven years ago.
Never heard of 'em.
They've surpassed Pegasus and Lamia to become the strongest wizard guild in Fiore.
So they've really grown over the last seven years?


Only five wizards? Just five can change things that much?
They changed guild masters, and suddenly five incredibly strong wizards joined. That's how they got so strong.
Oh, ho! They got guts!

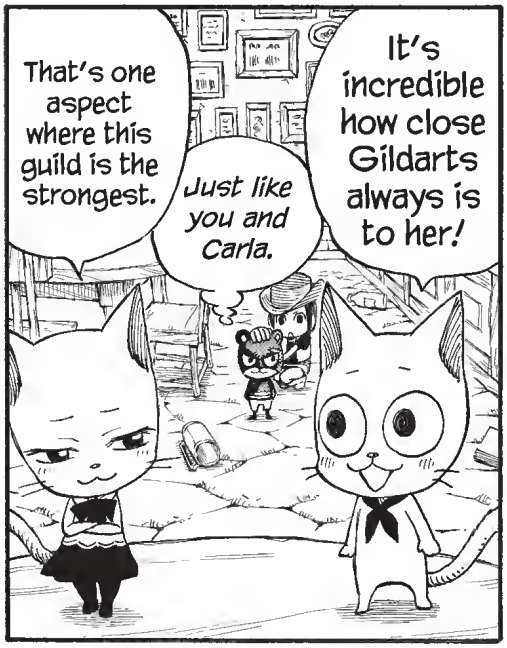
AHH!! I'M SORRY I ASKED!
Fiore's No. 1 weakest guild.
The lowest rank.
The worst.
Wendy, you didn't have to ask.
You really want to know?
By the way, what's our ranking as a guild these days?
Whaaa ?
Huh?
Well, sure! You know?
That's great!!!! Sounds like fun !!!!
SKRKT
Kaaah ha ha ha!!!
Ah ha ha!
Oh, geez!
Big bro can't be beat.
That's true!! Sounds like fun!
I'm all fired up!!!!
It means we get to enjoy moving up the ladder all over again!!!!

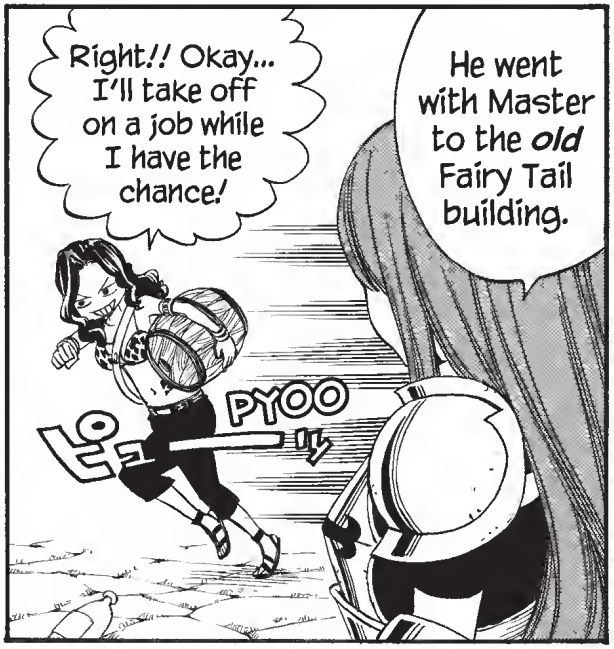

Say, have any of you guys seen Gildarts?
What? Are you lonely without your daddy?
Dumb-ass!!

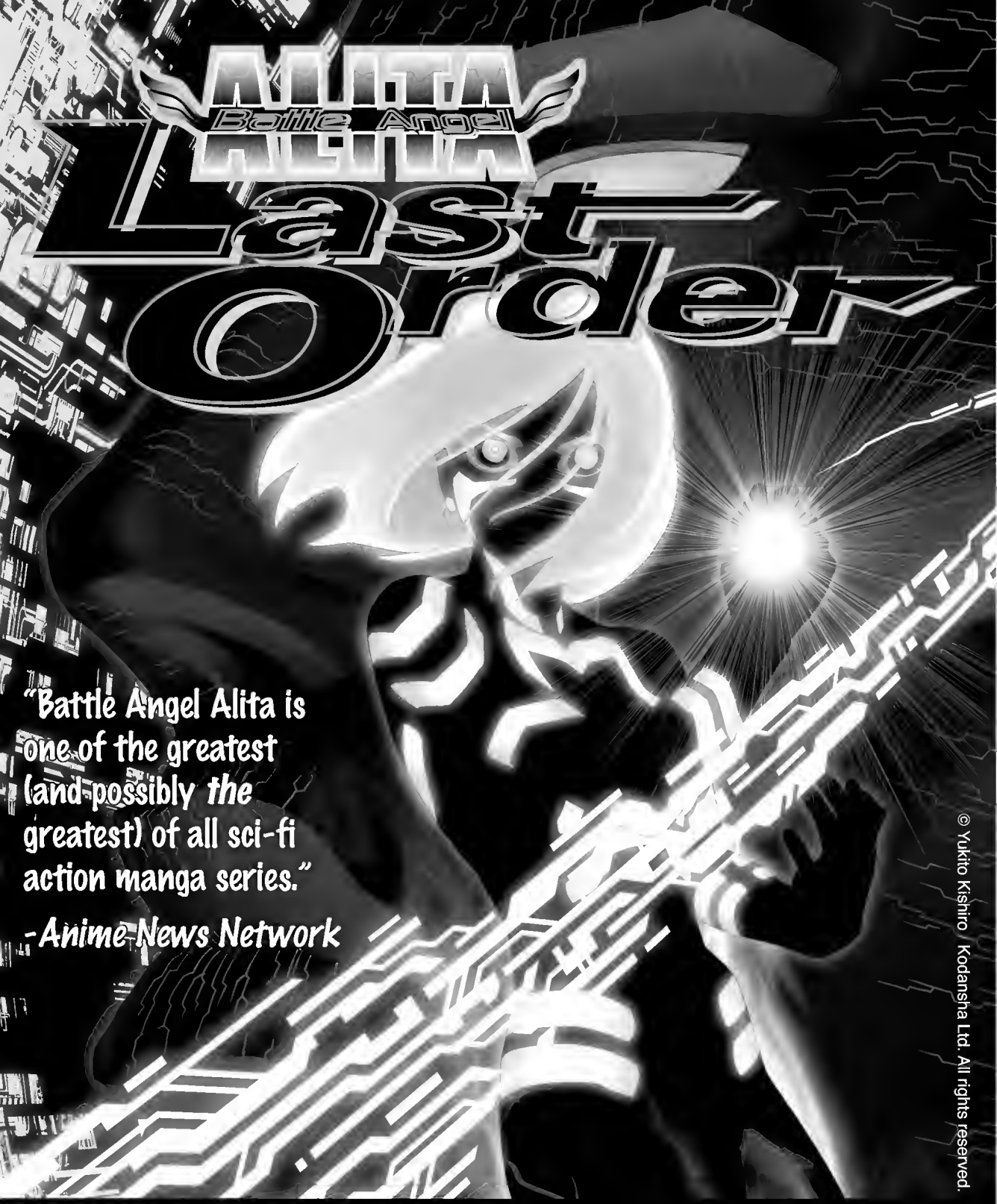
Isn't it okay to call him Master?
...talk to the Master— Um, I mean Makarov ...
If you want Gildarts, then...


Gray-sama is worried about her feelings?!
CRAK

No, it's okay. Don't worry about it.
Oh!! Sorry!


That's one aspect where this guild is the strongest.
Just like you and Carla.
It's incredible how close Gildarts always is to her!


Right!! Okay... I'll take off on a job while I have the chance!
He went with Master to the old Fairy Tail building.
PYOO



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